AUS. $3.50 N.Z. $4.60 (inc. G.S.T.) MALAYSIA $4.75
JULY 1989 £1.25
SOR

WORLD SOCCER

The INTERNATIONAL Magazine

WORLD UNDER-16 FINALS

FULL REPORT

ISSN 0043-9037
07
9 770043 903002

WORLD CUP UPDATE

EUROPE NEWS SPECIAL

ARNOLD MUHREN CALLS IT A DAY

CLUB FOCUS SOUTH AMERICA'S NEW CHAMPIONS

ULI HOENESS: KEY MAN AT BAYERN

Skill puts Saudis o

By KEIR RADNEDGE in Glasgow

WORLD UNDER–16 FINAL

Glasgow/Hampden – June 24
Scotland 2 (Downie 7, Dickov 25) Saudi Arabia 2 (Al–Reshoudi 49, At– Terair 65)

HT: 2–0. 90min: 2–2. **Att:** 51,674. Ref: Escobar (Guatemala).

Saudi Arabia 5–4 on penalties, after extra time.

Scotland: Wills – McMillan, Marshall, Bain (capt), Beattie – Downie (Murray 98), Lindsey, O'Neill, Bollan – McGoldrick (McLaren 82), Dickov. Subs not used: Dolan, Flannigan, Dickson.

S.Arabia: Al–Deayea – Abdulshkor – Burshaid, Al–Theneyan, Al–Alwi, Al–Reshoudi – Al–Hamdi, Al–Hammali, Al– Shamrani – Al–Terair, Al–Raoudi (Al– Mosa 99). Subs not used: Al–Suwaileh, Al–Ahmadi, Al–Tmyat.

Penalty shoot–out (Scotland first): Dickov over the bar, 0–0 – Al–Hammali goal, 0–1; Bollan goal, 1–1 – Al–Mosa goal, 1–2; McLaren goal, 2–2 – Al–Shamrani hit bar and over, 2–2; Bain goal, 3–2 – Al–Theneyen goal, 3–3; Marshall goal, 4–3 – Al–Terair goal, 4– 4. Sudden death: O'Neill shot saved, 4– 4 – Al–Alwi goal, 4–5.

JVC Man of the Match: Al–Reshoudi.

first half:

0 – Scotland kick off.

3 – A smart Saudi move down the right. Burshaid finds Al–Shamrani but when Al–Rouahi accelerates into the penalty box his angled shot is blocked for a corner by the foot of Wills.

7 – Scotland take the lead as DOWNIE heads home a cross from the left by Dickov after a misunderstanding in the Saudi defence. Downie's header just under the bar catches Al–Deayea badly out of position. 1–0 to Scotland.

19 – Dickov is ticked off by the referee for trying to take a Saudi defender off at the knees.

20 – Bollan fires just behind the side net from a free kick just outside the penalty box angle.

25 – Scotland go further ahead. Dickov chases to the Saudi byline. Abdulshkor and and Al–Theneyan leave the danger for each other to deal with allowing DICKOV, from an apparently impossible angle, to chip the ball inside the far post. 2–0 to Scotland.

36 – Al–Reshoudi is shown the yellow card for a retaliatory push on O'Neill despite having already awarded the free kick after a minor tussle between them. 37 – Bain drives a touched free kick for goal and Al–Deayea does well to flip it over the bar.

38 – Skilful turn and shot by Al–Hammali forces Wills into a hurried, stretching save.

39 – A second yellow card for the Saudis is shown to Al–Alwi. Half–time: Scotland 2, Saudi Arabia 0.

41 – Saudi Arabia start the second half with a good shot by Al–Terair well held bu the falling Wills.

43 – Al–Reshoudi puts in Al–Shamrani on the left but, just as he cuts in on goal he, like several team–mates on other occasions, loses his footing.

44 – Abdulshkor nearly scores an own goal with a hard–hit, head–high backpass which is well stopped by his keeper.

49 – Ah–Hamdi tries to walk the ball into the net then falls over his feet and misskicks. In the ensuing scramble the Saudis are awarded a free kick on the edge of the box. From the touch, Al–Reshoudi drives the ball through the defensive wall and past Wills into the net. Scotland 2, Saudi Arabia 1.

54 – A long clearance by goalkeeper Al– Deayea is flicked on skilfully by Al– Terair but Al–Roahi, under pressure, shoots too high.

55 – Bain is shown the yellow card for time wasting at a Scotland free kick. 56 – The Saudis come desperately close

n top of the world

Action from an early round (left) as Ghana score against Cuba.

to an equaliser. Al–Shamrani sends Al– terair clear but Wills comes out well to block the target the Saudi forward steers his shot wide of the keeper's left–hand post.
59 – Al–Hamdi is shown the yellow card after taking his turn in the rota apparently organised to pull down the battered, but patient Dickov.
62 – Bollan tries to power Scotland back into the game. He forges his way into Saudi territory, runs unchallenged into the penalty box and is tripped by Abdulshkor. O'Neill takes a very deliberate spot kick but Al–Deayea, guessing and moving well in advance, punches the ball to safety. As it proved, a most costly miss
65 – Saudi Arabia back on the attack. Al–Reshoudi crosses from out on the left. The ball skids across the face of the Scotland goal and Al–Terair is unmarked beyond the far post to shoot home. Scotland 2, Saudi Arabia 2.
72 – Al–Hamdi, booked earlier, is sent off for a second yellow card offence as he kicks the ball away after conceding a free kick.
73 – Al–Deayea plays injured after catching a cross so that Al–Rouahi can take instructions from the touchline on how to reorganise.
77 – A yellow card now for Bollan.
79 – Al–Hammali blatantly trips Dickov as he breaks in midfield – a much worse fofence than the one for which Al–Hamdi was sent off.
80 – Full–time: Scotland 2, Saudi 2.

Extra–time:
82 – Scotland substitute McGoldrick with McLaren.
84 – Al–Rouahi misses a free header in front of goal as an Abdulshkor free kick loops between the Scottish heads.
88 – A Marshall header is cleared off the Saudi line after Al–Deayea is drawn disastrously out of position by a corner needlessly given away by Abdulshkor.
89 – Al–Reshoudi's free kick picks out Al–Rouahi on the edge of the six–yard box but the centre–forward lets the ball glance off his forehead and wide of goal.
2nd half of extra–time:
93 – Al–Shamrani crosses from the left and Al–Rouahi and Wills collide as they both go for the ball. It bobbles off Al –Rouahi into the net and the Saudis are perhaps a little unlucky to be refused a goal. Credit, however, to referee Escobar for making his decision quick and definite.
95 – Ah–Shamrani and Al–Hammali turn on some brilliant footwork to play Al–Rouahi clear on the left but from point –blank range he blazes hopelessly over the bar.
98 – Scotland bring on Murray for Downie.
99 – The Saudis bring on Al–Mosa for the limping Al–Rouahi.
Full extra time: Scotland 2, Saudi Arabia 2.

BRAVE SCOTS BEATEN IN PENALTY SHOOT–OUT

SCOTLAND won everything but the Cup at the dramatic and entertaining climax to the third world under–16 championship.

Having surprised even themselves by reaching the Final at Hampden, they threw away a two–goal lead.

But Saudi Arabia claimed the JVC–sponsored Cup deservedly. On the day they were the better team and no amount of whingeing about age and appearance and "streetwise tactics" could take that away from them.

Not only were they fitter and stronger, they were technically several classes superior to the Scots. Thus, when the Scots found themselves racked by physical fatigue, it was Saudi skill which proved the decisive force.

A pity the big guns of the London press were not present. A pity, too, that English parochialism had seen the schools' international against West Germany being staged at Wembley on the very day the under–16 finals began.

No wonder, then, that England were absent from this teenage summit of the game.

Yet the English could have taken a little credit. After the game the Saudi general manager, Abdullah Jasem, proudly recalled that Saudi soccer had been developing an organised approach to the game only in the last 20 years. He might also have mentioned that Jimmy Hill, no less, had helped develop the infrastructure on which this triumph was built.

Not that the Saudi victory owed anything to English–style football. The Brazilian influence was writ large on their game. Brazilian coach Ivo Wirtmann even had the young Saudis practising the Brazilian samba–rhythm formation "dancing" in their warm–up work.

Thus the Final presented an entertaining contrast in styles. Yet, if the Saudis had not been reduced to ten men by the expulsion of Al–Hamdi, it is unlikely that a penalty shoot–out would have been needed: the Saudis would have won the match all in good (extra) time.

There were features of the Scottish game which upset the Saudis. They looked vulnerable every time the Scots used a long throw–in to the penalty spot. The Saudis were also troubled by the direct pace of Scotland's forwards. The Saudi game is somewhat different, as they demonstrated on several occasions when their forwards appeared to want to walk the ball into the net rather than shoot.

We had been led to believe that this style went out of fashion with Hugo Meisl's Austrian Wunderteam in the 1930s!

Saudi Arabia missed their star defender, Fuad, who was suspended. In his absence the defenders developed a potentially suicial habit of stopping whenever anything went wrong.

That was a quirky habit which cost the Saudis the two first goals and could have cost them more.

Scotland had reached the Final with a little luck but that luck turned against them.

If Martin O'Neill had converted that second half penalty at 2–1 it might have been all over. Instead the Saudi midfield seized control with a maturity and fitness level which surprised the Scots.

Men against boys, as it were . . .

A FEW words in praise of Scottish football fans are demanded after the World Under–16 championship.

They turned out in their thousands in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Motherwell and Glasgow to watch, and enjoy, these (mostly) positive teenagers.

They also produced a 51,700 crowd for the Final at Hampden, which is rather more than the senior Scotland team managed to atttact for the Rous Cup–tie against Chile.

Credit to the fans, above all, for their behaviour. I travelled to Mount Florida (the Hampden station) on the railway 'special' from Glasgow Central.

The crowd packed into that train comprised an encouragingly predominent number of young people: both boys and girls, young men and young women.

They were excited and demonstrative; they were NOT loudly foul–mouthed or drunkenly intimidating.

This was an unusual match, of course. No club rivalry. But there was, after all, a mighty pro–Scottish fervour in the air.

And even though Scotland dropped a two– goal lead, the vast majority of those fans stayed on the Hampden terracing to applaud the Saudi lap of honour. Returning to town I was caught up in the train station columns. Shepherding the queues were the police. But...there was none of the belligerent antagonism evident south of the border both on behalf of the fans towards the police and on behalf of the police towards the fans.

In Glasgow the fans wanted to get home and the police wanted to see that they did so in an orderly manner which gave everyone the best chance of doing so just as quickly as possible. Ten out of ten for Scottish football.

KEIR RADNEDGE
The Editor

WORLD SOCCER
THE INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE

Editor
KEIR RADNEDGE
Managing Editor
PETER STEWART
Group Art Editor
STAN McDONALD
Editorial
01-261 6287
Advertisement Manager
DAVID J. SMITH
Advertising
01-261 5702
FAX
01-261 6019
JULY 1989
Vol. 29 No.9

COVER: Pele, guest of honour at the Under-16 Finals, calls on the Australians.

25th Floor
King's Reach Tower
Stamford Street
London SE1 9LS

WORLD SOCCER is published by the IPC Magazines Ltd. Origination and typesetting by Saffron Graphics, Onslow House, 66 Saffron Hill, London EC1N 8AY. Printed by Thamesmouth, Basildon, Essex. Registered at the Post Office as a newspaper.

Copyright IPC Magazines Ltd.

Must not be sold at more than the recommended selling price shown on the cover.

CONTENTS

Muhren retires.....6
Holland hooligans.....7
Mexican revival.....8-10
Your letters.....12-13
Hungary's new man.....14-15
Asian news.....16-19
Africa review.....20-22
Portrait: Uli Hoeness.....23
South American Special.....24-31
Brian Glanville.....32-33

Youngsters bring fun back to soccer

AFTER China in 1985 and Canada in 1987, the Under-16 World Cup's move to Scotland gave rise to a joke — of English origin, no doubt — only that FIFA was entrusting the organisation of the event only to under developed countries.

It was a joke which fell very, very flat, as Scottish fans turned up in increasing numbers to show their appreciation of the remarkable talen put on display by the world's 16-year-old stars.

Where the crowds in China had been huge but not particularly knowledgeable, where they had been neither of those things in Canada, the Scots gave the tournament large crowds and a remarkable willingness to generously applaud talent.

In doing so, the Scots also gave this tournament the credability it has been seeking. This was true coming of age for the Under-16 World Cup.

Of course, the Scots started cautiously. The early crowds were disappointing, and it looked as though FIFA's predictions of a 2,000-per-game average might even be optimistic. But the sheer quality of the football, the exuberance and sportsmanship of the players, proved an irresistible draw. The success of Soctland — who, like their fans, got off to a cautious start — was the perfect acompaniment.

The two factors came together at Tyneside for the quarter-final between Scotland and Portugal.

"We'll probably get around 15,000 tonight," predicted a stadium official before the game.

But, on a beautiful sunny evening, the fans just kept pouring in, nearly 29,000 of them. The kick-off was delayed by 40 minutes as large numbers of fans were transferred from one end of the the ground to the other for safety reasons. Thousands more were left outside when the gates were finally locked.

Such events could have spelled disaster, yet the episode went smoothly, thanks to the good-natured behavious of the crowd.

It was all so different from the way it had started — a poor crowd of only 6,500 had turned out to watch Scotland's opening game against Ghana. And after the 0-0 tie, the verdict was that Scotland were going nowhere.

But a 3-0 win over Cuba, followed by another tie — a lucky one, coach Craig Brown admitted — against Bahrain, saw them safely into the second round.

Age row fails to wreck triumph in Scotland

PAUL GARDNER REPORTS

The major surprise of the first round was provided by the United States who upset Brazil 1-0. But the effort evidently drained the young Americans, who crashed disastrously by 5-2 to East Germany in their next game. It was these Germans and unconvincing Brazil who qualified from the group.

In the Edinburgh group, Portuga — European champions — found life far from easy, but ties withGuinea and Saudi Arabia and a narrow 3-2 win over Colombia were enough to ensure a berth in the quarter-finals. Saudi Arabia joined them, having the same number of points, but an inferior goal difference.

Nigeria were the pre-tournament favorites, largely on the basis of their sparkling play in China (when they won the title) and Canada (runners up). They romped to easy wins over China and Canada, but were held 0-0 by Argentina. It was Nigeria and Argentina who advanced but the Argentines had evidently undermined Nigeria's chances.

Unbeaten

Saudi Arabia had sent a spy to watch the South Americans play Nigeria. He reported back on how Argentina's tight midfield play had throttled Nigeria's more open style, and had completely cancelled out the Africans'speed.

When the Saudi's took on Nigeria in the quarter-final, they used the Argentine tactics, held Nigeria to another 0-0 tie, and then won on penalty kicks. So Nigeria — with what coach Sebastian Brodrick described as their best team yet — went home unbeaten in regularly play, and without having given up a goal.

Another 0-0 draw resulted when Brazil met Bahrain, with Bahrain coming out on top in the penalty shoot-out.

Scotland continued their death-defyng survival act against East Geermany with a goal in injury tiem which was them through, 1-0.

In Edinburgh, there were all sorts of problems for the goal-zkeepers. At the end of the first round, Portugal had scraped a 1-1 tie with Guinea. As Portugal's last-minute equalizer went in, the fans — who felt Guinea should have won — booed.

The Portuguese goalkeeper, Santos, showed what he thought of that by dropping his shorts. A fan complained, the police were called and poor Santos was fined by FIFI and sent back to Portugal in disgrace.

That left reserve 'keeper Fonseca to fact Argentina; but, perversely, it was the Argentine 'keeper, Roberto Abbondancieri, who made the big error.

With his team leading 1-0 and controlling the game comfortably after 23 minutes of play, Abbondancierei safely gathered the ball, stood for a moment surveying the field — and then chose to bounce the ball.

Portuguese forward Gil nipped in and swept it away — and swept it away — and Abbondancierei gave away a penalty trying to stop him from scoring.

Portugal scored from the spot, and went on to win with a second half goal. Argentine coach Carlos Pachame's remark — "They didn't win it, we lost it" — accurately summed up the game.

The semi-final featured an all-Arab game between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and the increasingly-confident Scots against Portugal.

The first game should have been played at Hampden but FIFA — responding to the tremendous support of the Motherwell fans — switched the game to Fir Park.

Nearly 8,500 Scots turned out to watch the boys from two remote middle-east nations. A close rather cautious game was decided by a superbly headed goal from the Saudi striker Al-Roaihi.

Meanwhile, over at Tynecastle the Edinburgh fans were creating a famous night for Scottish soccer as they jammed the stadium.

Another close game, also decided on a powerful header, this one from Scotland's Brian O'Neill, who headed in a corner in the 53rd minute.

But Portugal fought back strongly and were desperately unlucky to be on

Scotland's run starts slowly with a 0-0 draw against Ghana above. Argentina also had a goalless draw with Nigeria (left) in Group C.

the receiving end of the worst refereeing decision of the tournament.

With nine minutes remaining, Bino raced into the Scottish where he was knocked down by the Scottish goalkeeper Jim Will. Lying on the ground, Bino hooked the ball into the net. Yet French Jean-Marie Lartiggot disallowed the goal, indicating that Bino had handled the ball as he fell.

The Portuguese coach Carlos Queiroz spoke of the incident the following day: "You saw it, the whole crowd went quiet, the Scottish players did not protest. The television replays showed we should, at least, have had a penalty."

The appealingly honest Scottish coach Craig Brown admitted he thought it was a goal, but Queiroz shrugged his shoulders and added: "I must not say too much, I am already in trouble."

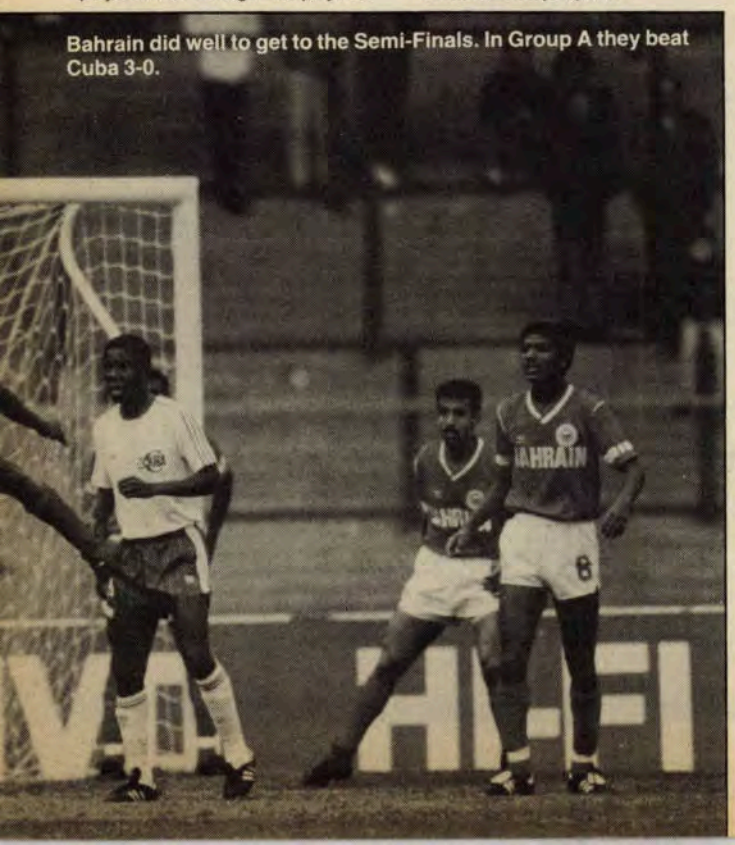
True enough — for early in the tournament Queiroz had raised the worrisome problem of over-age players. After Portugal had played a 2-2 tie with Saudi Arabia, Queiroz had observed that the Saudi players "did not look like 16-year-olds and did not play like 15-year-olds."

The Saudi's responded with indignation, and FIFA told Queiroz that if he had any proof he should submit it.

A remark on television by Scots coach Craig Brown that some of the players in the tournament wouldn't look out of place on an under 28 term was smoothed over as a joke, though Brown did add that he knew Carlos Queiroz well and felt that Queiroz would not complain without good reason.

But it cannot be allowed to overshadow the very real joys that this tournament produced.

It seemed almost like divine intervention that the normally hostile Scottish weather should relent and allow a hot sun to shine down on football which was always played in a sportsmanlike way, which was usually entertaining, often spectacular, and at times absolutely superb.



Bahrain did well to get to the Semi-Finals. In Group A they beat Cuba 3-0.

RESULTS, SCORERS

Group A Glasgow/Motherwell

Scotland	0	Ghana	0
Cuba	0	Bahrain (Jasem (3 pens)	3
Scotland	3	Cuba (Lindsay, McGoldrick 2)	0
Ghana	0	Bahrain (Hassain, Ebrahim)	1
Scotland (Beattie)	1	Bahrain (Abdulaziz)	1
vsGhana			2
Cuba (Aryee,		(Zerguera, Asare)Rosette)	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bahrain	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Scotland	3	1	2	0	4	1	4
Ghana	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Cuba	3	0	1	2	2	8	1

Group B — Aberdeen

East Germany (Manke)	1	Australia	0
USA (Imad Baba)	1	Brazil	0
East Germany (Konetzke 2, Seifert 2, Rydlewicz)	5	USA (Nidal Baba, Wood)	2
Brazil (Carlos 2, Marcio)	3	Australia (Corica)	1
East Germany (Weysler og)	1	Brazil (Marcio, Fred)	2
Australia (Pangallo, Bates og)	2	USA (Wood, Haskins)	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
East Germany	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Brazil	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
USA	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Australia	3	0	1	2	3	6	1

Group C — Dundee

Argentina	0	China	0
Nigeria (Keshiro 2, Oguntunase Ikpeba)	4	Canada	0
Argentina	0	Nigeria	0
China	1	Canada (Feng)	0
Argentina (Lavallen, Castro, Castagno, D'Ascanio)	4	Canada (Lopez og)	1
China	0	Nigeria (Fetuga, Ikpeba, Umoru)	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	3	2	1	0	7	0	5
Argentina	3	1	2	0	4	1	4
China	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Canada	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

Group D — Edinburgh

Guinea (Camara)	1	Colombia (Galbao pen)	1
Saudi Arabia (Jabarti 2)	2	Portugal (Figo pen, Gil)	2
Guinea (Oulare, Camara)	2	Saudi Arabia (Sylla og, Al-Roaihi)	2
Colombia (Ortiz, Perez)	2	Portugal (Valdez og, Gil, Tulipa)	3
Guinea (Camara)	1	Portugal (Lourenco)	1
Colombia	0	Saudi Arabia (Al-Roaihi)	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
Saudi Arabia	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
Guinea	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Colombia	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

QUARTER-FINALS

Motherwell (9,322)

Bahrain	0	Brazil	0

Bahrain win 4-1 on penalties after extra time

Aberdeen (10,200)

East Germany	0	Scotland (Lindsay)	1

Dundee (6,000)

Nigeria	0	Saudi Arabia	0

Saudi Arabia win 2-0 on penalties after extra time

Edinburgh (4,777)

Portugal (Figo PK, Tulipa)	2	Argentina (Selenzo)	1

SEMI-FINALS

Motherwell (8,451)

Bahrain	0	Saudi Arabia (Al-Roaihi)	1

Edinburgh (28,555)

Portugal	0	Scotland (O'Neill)	1

THIRD PLACE

Edinburgh (1,600)

Bahrain	0	Portugal (Tulipa 2, Gil)	3

FINAL

Glasgow (51,674)

Saudi Arabia (Al-Reshoudi, Al-Terair)	2	Scotland (Downie, Dickov)	2

Saudi Arabia 5-4 on penalties, 2-2 at 80 minutes.

Hooligan horrors plague Holland

from IAIN MACLEOD in Rotterdam

Special riot police confront Dutch fans in Munich as they celebrate Holland's 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union in last year's European Championship Final.

These are troubled times in Holland. Hooliganism has become such a vicious entity that the burgomasters of some Dutch towns at the heart of the conflict some time ago threatened to bar professional football if the malaise was not cured.

One respected Dutch journalist has gone so far as to make comparisons with scenes witnessed in Belfast and Beirut.

As a frequent visitor there I must concur. Such scenes were evident there back in 1985 and 1986; more recently, the kind of incident which occurred at the Den Haag stadium when an incendiary device was thrown into the main tribune emphasises the viciousness of the pockets of so-called Dutch fans.

To try and find some remedy to what has become a major social problem — much of the trouble appears to be caused by pockets of unemployed people with serious drink/drugs problems — since last August, there has been in existence for a trial period of one season a scheme operated by the Dutch Football Association (KNVB), which compels the fans of five clubs, PSV Eindhoven, Ajax, Feyenoord, Utrecht and Den Haag — the big five of hooliganism — to be in possession of an "Oranje-kaart", if they want to watch top class football.

The dangers of the card scheme have been touted for some time and predictably made an international impact at what is for all Dutch people the most emotive confrontation of all: the international match against West Germany.

The experiment has been deemed a failure. The Dutch media on the eve of the game devoted many column inches to the debate mostly against the scheme. And, if the violent crowd disturbances I witnessed prior to the game is any kind of gauge, the card may ultimately prove a catalyst, rather than a deterrent, for violence.

Because so-called fans from the five participating clubs were unable to obtain tickets by legitimate means, 500 non- conformists turned Rotterdam into a battle zone — it is impossible to know precisely how many used their failure to obtain a ticket as an excuse for violence. Perhaps none.

The need for a huge and intense security operation was a necessity anyway. There were an esimtated 650 police on duty — twice the usual number — together with a further 850 civillian authorities comprising federation and stadium officials: the total figure was three times as big as for any "normal" international. The cost was believed to have been in the region of £350,000. Yet the operation was neither cost effective or wholly efficient.

Deterrent

Indeed, the Dutch authorities may have learned an object lesson in crowd control had they listened to the suggestion some days earlier from FIFA's general-secretary, Sepp Blatter, that a second cordon, some 30 to 40 metres from the outer railed fence where fans gained admittance to the stadium, would offer an even more effective means of deterrent. There has to be a point somewhere close to the stadium where only fans with tickets are permitted to gather around the immediate vicinity of the stadium.

This clearly did not happen in Rotterdam and compounding the problem was the decision by the KNVB to reduce, sensibly in view of recent events, the capacity of the Feyenoord stadium from 57,000 to 52,000 — five per cent of the tickets were not sold to avoid overcrowding. It did not prevent the KNVB from garnering record gate receipts of f4.9 million (£1.4 million).

When the card was introduced last summer it was hailed as "security against hooliganism" and the "ideal solution"; now it constitutes a major embarrassment.

Furthermore, the apathy which is prevalent among supporters' clubs has turned the scheme into a financial nightmare. The initial card costs £7 and is valid for one year; the annual renewal fee is £9.70.

However, only 20,000 fans have subscribed to the scheme, well below the initial estimate of 50,000. But, despite a grant from Parliament of £160,000 to assist the financing of the scheme, the additional burden of high printing costs ensures that the KNVB is expected to be faced with a first-year deficit of £270,000.

Compounding the KNVB's problems is the recent resignation of the entire board after it transpired that it had bungled the finances for the victorious 1988 European Championships. Despite taking over £500,000 from the tournament the KNVB admitted to a loss of £22,000.

The most significant aspect of the card is that fans of the five clubs who are party to the scheme and do not possess the "Oranje-kaart" cannot purchase tickets for international games. For those who do have the card, tickets are purchased direct from the federation.

Violence

Card holders can also claim such dubious privileges as free admittance to under-21 and ladies international games. Not surprisingly, the hooligan element have treated the scheme with utter contempt.

Moreover, away fans should not be admitted to opponents' grounds when a card cannot be produced; it has not always been so, and there was considerable violence at the Ajax v Feyenoord league game in Amsterdam two weeks earlier.

Here occurs the disturbing aspect of away fans without tickets turning up en masse simply for the purpose of causing trouble. For the time being at least, events in Holland dissipates the myth that ticketless fans will not travel.

Opposition

The fact that virtually all the problems occur outside the stadia and in the railway stations and town centres suggests that such fans are not deterred from travelling; and with two or three different areas to control, police resources are stretched to the limit. The effect on hooliganism has been negligible and supporters clubs continue to voice strong opposition.

When I was in Rotterdam, there was a prevailing feeling that the new board of the KNVB which had still to be appointed, might try and scrap the scheme. However, having been told on the Sunday following the game that, from May 21, the last day of the season, a government decree means that all clubs involved will have to abide to the scheme to the letter of the law, its opponents will now go to the high court to obtain an injunction against what they regard as a government violation of every citizen's "right of freedom".

It had been hoped that the scheme would be fully operational next season, though a lengthy court hearing may prove a stalling factor. Yet, if it continues in its present form the prospects for Holland's next World Cup match at home, against Finland in Rotterdam in November are of a repeat of the scenes of April 26.

But, of greater concern will be if Holland qualify for next summer's finals in Italy. The thought of hundreds of ticketless Dutch thugs venting their wrath on the boot of Europe will cause many sleepless nights in the corridors of power.

ARNOLD CALLS IT A DAY

The most successful footballer of all time has retired. He is Arnold Muhren (late of Ajax Amsterdam) the only man ever to win all three European Cups as well as the European Championship. If the memories of these successes ever tire, the 38-year-old midfielder can think back on triumphs in the World Club Cup, the Supercup, the Dutch Championship, the Dutch Cup, and (with Manchester United) the FA Cup. The wonder is that he has remained so modest.

Muhren was born in Volendam, a little fishing village where everybody either sings or plays football. He dabbled with the former but settled on the latter, making his debut for FC Volendam at 17.

A couple of years later Ajax signed him. At the time, in the early 1970's, Ajax were the best team in the world, with players like Johan Cruyff, Piet Keizer, Johan Neeskens, Ruud Krol. Muhren was overawed. As he describes his first practice at Ajax, in which he was pitted against Cruyff: "It was like watching an animated cartoon that was being played too fast".

Muhren was only a reserve at Ajax, because his elder brother Gerrie, also a left-half, kept him out of the team. After a few years with Ajax he grew tired of the bench and left for Twente Enschede, where he impressed Bobby Robson, who signed him for Ipswich.

Insecure

In his autobiography, which appeared in Holland to mark his retirement, Muhren makes it clear that although he loves England, he is not a fan of English football. He considers the medical treatment primitive, the players undisciplined, and the managers ignorant. He likes the "nervous, insecure" Bobby Robson, but says that "tactically, he was not one of the greatest." Muhren believes that this is true of most English managers. "In general, the English think that they are the best, and they don't follow what happens abroad. You can tell that just from watching British TV, because it never shows foreign matches."

Gambling

Ron Atkinson, Muhren's manager at Manchester United, is dismissed as a poor tactician and a lover of publicity and glamour. The puritanical Muhren disapproves of Big Ron's habit of giving press conferences while lying under a sunbed in his office dressed only in a swimming-costume. He also has more serious criticisms to make of the man: "Atkinson bought lots of players because he liked being in the news. If he had used his common-sense it would have been much better for the club."

As for his English teammates, Muhren respects their ability but laments their gambling and drinking. He recollects with horror that the other players would go out for so-called "lunches" which lasted until nine in the evening and at this nothing was ever eaten.

"Everything they shouldn't do, they do," is Muhren's verdict on English footballers. He says that their lifestyle is the reason why most of them are finished at thirty.

He regards himself as living proof that sober habits breed longevity. He played at the top until the very end of his career, and won the European Cupwinners' Cup at 36 and the European Championship at 37 (he has the grace to admit that Holland were lucky in every match of the tournament).

The European Championship final against Russia was his 23rd international; after that he stopped playing for Holland, although he remained at Ajax for a final season. Ajax's board has asked him to stay at the club as manager of the youth teams, and he has accepted the offer. It is a job for which he appears well qualified.

FROM SIMON KUPER

MEXICO MAKE A

Mexican international Javier Aguirre is part of the excellent Guadalajara side.

Mexican football is beginning to recover from the shock of that two-year FIFA suspension. CARLOS RAMIREZ reports.

One coach in Mexican soccer should be in the Guinness Book of Records. His name is Arpad Fekete, of Hungarian-American origin, who claims to have played in Hungary's first division in the occupation years during the hard times of World War II. Fekete has the dubious honor of being called the "Flying nightingale" of Mexican football. At 72, he has coached 14 different teams.

He came to Mexico in 1957 to coach Guadalajara to two consecutive titles. Then he moved to Oro of Guadalajara from 1962-65, winning one title. From then on, Fekete has "cashed in", so to speak, on the three league titles won in 1958, 1959 and 1965. His tactic has been to sign a contract to "save" some team facing relegation, get a fat bonus for doing it and retiring for six months from coaching. Then he comes back, finds another team in distress and rescues them. Or at least that is what he claims.

After his Guadalajara-Oro experience, Fekete's teams have been defensive teams. The crowd boos the poor football they see, but apparantly he was born with the luck of the Irish, since almost every year he coaches a team to save.

His career: — Atlas (1970-71, 1982-83), Oro (1962-65, 1967-68, 1970-71), Laguna (Mexico 70, 1972-73), Leon (1981-82, 1983-85), Toluca (1965-66, 1986-87), UNAM (1967-69, 1975-76), Nacional (1961-62), Autonoma de Guadalajara UAG (1977-78), U› de G› (1980-81), Universitario Nuevo Leon (1976-77, 1987-88, 1988-89), Torreon (1970-71), Atlante (1978-79), Morelia (1982-83).

Mexican soccer has begun the long up-hill battle to return to international competition.

After the scandal that prompted FIFA to impose a two-year ban on all international competition, the national side has been reorganized following the dismissal of the entire National Council (Del Castillo, Lebrija, et al) as a consequence of the manoeuvering of Guillermo Canedo and his faithful employee Joaquin Soria Terrazas in CONCACAF.

Canedo had only expected that his revenge against Del Castillo would produce a one-year suspension. The two-year ban prevented the Mexican team from participating in the World Cup causing a lot of economic problems for Televisa, Canedo's employer.

The America team (also owned by Televisa) of Mexico City won the 1987-88 league and Toluca the "Copa Mexico". This season, however, unpredictable America are lucky to be in a group where only Cruz Azul has shown consistency.

Since 1970, all teams in Mexican soccer are divided into four equal groups, the best two qualifying for the play-offs where the championship is decided.

So far this year, America, Cruz Azul,

A NEW START

Puebla and Atlante are assured of a berth in the play-offs. The other two groups are difficult to forecast in spite of the fact that there are only six games left in the regular tournament. Tampico Madero, Morelia, Guadalajara and Necaxa are struggling for two places in Group Three. Pumas of UNAM and Tecos of UAG (both university teams of Mexico City and Guadalajara, respectively) have had an impressive string of lost points in the second round of the league. Pumas has felt the absence of the striker Luis Flores, leading scorer last year who now plays in Spain. And Tecos, coached by former national coach Bora Milutinovic, have suffered because stars like the Uruguayans Zalazar and Viera and the Mexicans Hernandez and Sanchez Limon, have been inconsistant. Pumas and Tecos are closely followed by newcomers to the first division, Correcaminos of UAT (another university team of the Northeastern part of Mexico) and Cobras of Ciudad Juarez (border town across the Rio Grande from El Paso).

The best team in the league by far are Puebla. Jokingly called the Chilean National Team (Pedro Garcia, the coach, Oscar Rojas, sweeper, Jorge Aravena, midfielder, Carlos Poblete, striker, and Gustavo Moscoso, left wing are all Chileans), they have played excellent soccer.

Puebla the 'Chilean national side' in exile.

Mexican players like Ruis Esparza, Arturo Orozco, Angel Torres, Guillermo Cosio, Marcelino Bernal, Paul Moreno and Francisco Romero, all with mediocre performances last season, have blossomed into good team players thanks to the skilled management of Pedro Garcia. After the 32nd round of the season (38 in total), Puebla lead in defence and points, were second to Tampico Madero on goals scored and unbeaten on their own ground, the Cuauhtemoc.

Corruption

However, due to the play-off system established in 1970 because of economic consideration, the accomplishments of one entire season can be lost in a single match. Curiously, Puebla won the title in 1983 in spite of the fact that they were only third in total points during the regular season.

Tampico Madero, coached by Carlos Reynoso, former Chilean and America Mexico City star, lead in goals scored and are third in the league. This team have quite a story. Owned since 1974 by the Oil Workder's Union, they were a sort of private toy for the two leaders ("La Quina" and Barragan Camacho), who are now in jail on charges of corruption. As a result of this, the team was sold to a private group. Tampico Madero owes its name to the fact that their stadium is built at the intersection of Tampico city proper and Ciudad Madero, Tampico's twin city and oil refining center. There has always been a great rivalry between the citizens of both cities, as witnessed by the fact that the shaded section of the stadium is usually occupied by the more affluent Madero oil workers. However, hooliganism has created several problems (like throwing coins at the linesman), which prompted the Mexican Federation to ban the Estadio Tamaulipas (as it is known) for four home matches.

Second in the league are Atlante of Mexico City, playing good football and slowly regaining the lost loyalty of their followers, (for five years, the team were owned and poorly run by the Mexico City authorities. They sold it back to private enterprise in 1987). The team is coached jointly by Mexican Rafael Puente and Argentinian Ricardo Lavolpe, both former international goalkeepers.

Average attendance so far this season has been 19,500. Some cities like Ciudad, Juarez, Ciudad Victoria (home of the "Roadrunners" of the Tamaulipas University), Torreon, Guadalajara, Puebla and Tampico have more than offset the low attendances at Mexico City and San Luis Potosi, as well as in Monterrey where the two local teams have had the worst performances of their history.

All in all, the quality of soccer has improved in the last two years. Many excellent Mexican players have come of age, making it a shame that because of the FIFA ban they will miss the opportunity to play in the World Cup.

The Mexican national side has been playing friendlies with Poland (3-1), El Salvador (5-0), Guatemala (2-1) and Costa Rica (1-0). They are also planning a tour to Europe. Head coach is Alberto Guerra, also coach of the Guadalajara team. This is the first time since 1954, that the national coach has also been coach of a club.

THE CLUBS

AMERICA, from Mexico City, play in Estadio Azteca, coached by Brazilian Jorge Vieyra. Basic team: Adrian Chavez; Juan Hernandez, Jose E. Rodon, Alfredo Tena, Alejandro Dominguez; Carlos de los

CONTINUED OVER

CONTINUED

MEXICO MAKE A NEW START

Left: Olaf Heredia of Morelia. Above: Cruz Azul's Edgardo Fuentas. Right: Carlos Munoz of Tigres of Nuevo Leon.

Santos, Cristobal Ortega, Antonio Santos, Gonzalo Farfan, Adrian Camacho, Carlos Hermosillo, Jose Alves "Zaguinho". Zaguinho is the new phenomenon of the Mexican national side, born in Mexico, he is the son of ancient big star of America Jose Alves "Zague" who came from Brazil in the fifties.

ATLANTE from Mexico City, play in Estadio Azulgrana (Cap. 42,000) coached by Ricardo Lavolpe and Rafael Puente. Basic team: Hector Miguel Zelada; Juan Jose Cruz, Jose Ruiz, Eduardo Rergis, Osvaldo Ingrao; Victor Medina, Dante Juarez, Jose Luis Gonzalez China; Rene Isidoro Garcia, Eduardo Moses, Jose Luis Leyva, Mario Ordiales. No big stars, regular good players like Juarez, Gonzalez China, Medina.

ATLAS, coached by former Guadalajara player, Jose Luis Real, from Guadalajara, plays in Estadio Jalisco. Line-up: Celestino Morales; Miguel A. Fuentes, Jaime Rodriguez, Fernando Quirarte, J. Ayala; Marco A. Trejo, Luis Francisco Garcia, Edson Vieira, Jose Casellas, Segio Pacheco, Martin Castaneda.

ATLETICO POTOSINO, from the city of San Luis Potosi. Play in "Plan de San Luis" stadium, 20,000 seats, coached by Mexican former Potosino player, Jesus De Anda. Basic team: Jose Luis Samano; Sergio Bermudez, Eligio Torres, Pablo Luna; Gerardo Silva, Lorenzo Unanue, Francisco Uribe; Rafael Bautista, Juan Rojas, Jaime Leon. Almost sure candidate to go back to Second Division from where it came fifteen years ago.

COBRAS from Ciudad Juarez. Play in "Juarez" stadium, sitting 32,000, coached by Ignacio Jauregui former Mexican international. Team: Rubi Valencia; Carlos Rizo, Jose Luis Lopez, Eduardo Lell, J. Cisneros, Armando Manzo, Victor Cosio; Enrique Lopez Zarza, Hector Islas, Rodolfo Romero, Cesar Santiago, Hector Herrero, Antonio Pina, Sergio Saucedo.

CRUZ AZUL from Mexico City, play at Estadio Azteca. Coach: Mario Velarde, former national team coach. Pablo Larios; Ignacio Flores, Edgardo Fuentes, Enrique Esparza, Juan Vazquez; Armando Romero, Patricio Hernandez, Pedro Duana; Porfirio Jimenez, Rubens Navarro, Eugenio Constantino. Interesting renewal of one of the best teams in Mexican football, combining very young players with veterans.

GUADALAJARA, coached by Alberto Guerra, play in Estadio Jalisco. New players have come into being, playing excellent soccer: Javier Ledesma; Ruben Hernandez, Demetrio Madero, Sergio Rubio, Jose Gutierrez; Omar Arellano, Diego Silva, Rafael Gutierrez, Benjamin Galindo, Javier Aguirre; Jose C. Rodriguez, Rafael Chavez Carretero, Eduardo De la Torre.

IRAPUATO, coached by Argentinian Carlos Rodriguez "Chamaco", former Ecuado coach. Play in New Irapuato Stadium, seating 25,000, Dario Miranda; Francisco Macedo, Jorge Orozco, Luis Ledesma, Carlos Rodriguez; Gino Valentini, Alejandro Sabella, Hector Garcia, Horacio Rocha; Juan Morales and Cesar Sosa.

MONTERREY, coach Fernando Riera. Play in Tecnologico Stadium seating 35,000. Poor performance after being the champion in 1986. Tirso Carpizo; Raul Gonzalez, Jorge De la Fuente, Antonio Gonzalez Guillermo Munoz; Rafael Ortega, Hector Becerra, Michael Getchell; Misael Espinosa, Isaias da Silva, Mario Mota Sousa "Bahia".

MORELIA, coached by former international star Antonio Carbajal, the only player to have played in five World Cups. Recently inaugurated a brand new stadium seating 42,000. Olaf Heredia; Luis F. Gomez, Pedro Osorio, Ricardo Campos, A. Garay; Mario Juarez, Humberto Roon, Mario Diaz; Juan Carlos Vera, Marco A. Figueroa, Miguel A. Bustos.

NECAXA, coach Anibal Ruiz Play in Estadio Azteca. Nicolas Navarro; A. Vaca, Hugo Caballero, Manuel Rodriguez, Efrain Herrera; Gerardo Esquivel, Juan Antonio Luna, Roberto Alderete; Efrain Barroso, Ricardo Pelaez, Rene Ismael Herrera.

PUEBLA, coached by Pedro Garcia, play in Estadio Cuauhtemoc, seating 42,000. Alberto Aguilar; Angel Torres, Roberto Ruiz Esparza, Oscar Rojas, Arturo Orozco, Arturo Castanon; Guillermo Cosio, Mercelino Bernal, Francisco Romero, Jorge Aravena; Rene Paul Moreno, Carlos Poblete, Gustavo Moscoso.

SANTOS from Torreon. Coaches Joaquin Mendoza and Carlos Ortiz, came this season from Second Division. Play in Moctezuma stadium seating 22,000. Abel Panduro; Lucas Ochoa, Cesar Dimenez, Martin Zuniga, Wilson Graneolatti, Victor Lopez; Vicente Campos, Julio Cesar Armendariz, Amado Calendario; Jose G. Rubio, Hugo Leon, Miguel Herrera.

TAMPICO MADERO, coached by Carlos Reynoso. Play in Tampico- Madero stadium, formerly owned by the Oil Worker's Union, now sold to a private group. Hugo Pineda; Mario Zuniga, Carlos Soto, Aurelio Rivera, Luis De la Torre; Fabian Rosas, Mario Hernandez, Eduardo Bacas; Martin Duron, Sergio Lira, Juan Carlos Vera. Team of veterans, average age: 29.

TOLUCA, play at La Bombonera in Toluca, seating 35,000. Coached by Hector Sanabria former player and assistant coach in Pumas of Mexico City Juan Gutierrez; Mauricio Gomez, Octavio Becerril, Pedro Delgado, Sergio Lagunas; Alvaro Torres, Pedro Munguia, Javier Barajas, Ricardo Ferreti; Roberto Masciarelli, Washington Olivera, J. Jesus Mendizabal.

TECOS of UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE GUADALAJARA (UAG). Coached by Belivor Milutinovic, play at "3 de Marzo" stadium in Guadalajara, seating 33,000. Javier Quintero; Hector Santarrosa, Jose G. Zavala, Jaime Barcenas, Francisco Chavez, Ignacio Ruvalcaba; Jorge Humberto Torres, Ricardo Viera, Edgar Plascencia; Javier Hernandez, Jose Luis Zalazar, Felipe Chavez Medrano.

PUMAS of UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE MEXICO (UNAM). Coached by former player and administrative assistant of Pumas, Miguel Mejia Baron. Play at University Stadium, seating 72,000. Addolfo Rios; Israel Castillo, Jose Luis Salgado, Jose L. Salcedo, Jose Marroquin; Raul Servin, Ramon Rayas, Miguel Espana, Guillermo Vazquez; Alberto Garcia Aspe, Manuel Negrete, Israel Castillo, Martin Gialvez, Luis Garcia.

CORRECAMINOS (Road Runners) of UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE TAMAULIPAS (UAT). Coach, Hector Pulido former national team player and former Cruz Azul coach. Play in Ciudad Victoria Municipal stadium, seating 18,000. Marco Antonio Ferreira; Jose Luis Sanchez, Ruben Gonzalez, Raul Martinez "Sambula", Marco A. Mendiz abal, Alfonso Rubio; Javier Herrera, Francisco Fernandez, Rodolfo Richardson Smith, Alberto Padilla, Jorge Gama, Rene Mendieta. Came this year from Second Division, and offered the novelty of having only Central American players (Sambula, Richardson Smith and Mendieta).

UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA, coached by former Mexican team coach Ignacio Trelles. Play at Estadio Jalisco. Hugo Guerrero; Sanchez Davalos, Victor Rodriguez, Fernando Quirarte, Martin Vazquez and Sergio Diaz; Jorge Davalos, Salvador Reyes (son of the former Mexican international forward), Humberto Romero; Alfonso Sosa, Byron Perez, Daniel Guzman, Daniel Mora.

TIGRES of UNIVERSITARIO DE NUEVO LEON, coached by Arpad Fekete, plays at University Stadium in Monterrey seating 50,000. Ignacio Rodriguez; Gustavo Vargas, Felix Cruz, Martin Ponce, Adrian Incapie, Carlos Munoz; Antel Martinez, Daniel Bartolotta, Juan Carlos Paz, Danial Mora; Sergio Orduna, Daniel Cabrera, Marco A. Diaz Avalos.

SOCCER BOOKSHELF

Order from this small selection of books and videos or send for our catalogue which lists over 120 books and 40 videos (UK – SAE).

Postage. Videos: prices include a charge for post (UK First Class, Overseas Airmail). Books: please add postage as shown.

Delivery times: UK 1-2 weeks; Europe 2-4 weeks; North America 4-7 weeks; elsewhere up to 10 weeks. Air 2-7 days.

B O O K S

The European Football Yearbook 1988-89: The first edition of this massive yearbook (608 pages). Softback £19.95 UK post + £2. Overseas post + £3.50. Air + £15.00

The European Championship 1958-88: The first ever English language history of Europe's major soccer tournament includes statistics. Hardback £9.95. Softback £5.95. UK post + £1.00 Overseas post + £1.50. Air + £5.50.

Football League Player's Records 1946-88: The biggest statistical book ever published on English footballers. Details of over 20,000 players. Hardback, £18.95. UK post + £2.00. Overseas post + £3.50. Air + £13.50.

The Illustrated Footballer: Colourful large size book about footballers on cigarette and trade cards. Softback, £6.95. UK post + £1.00. Overseas post + £1.50. Air + £5.50.

Hockings' European Cups: Full country-by-country, club record of all games in the European Cup. The European Cup-winners' Cup and UEFA Cup, plus each European country's League champions and Cup winners to date. Softback, £9.95. UK post + £1.00. Overseas + £2.00. Air + £3.50.

FIFA World Cup 1930-86: Full country-by-country record of World Cup Final series. Softback, £3.95. UK post + 75p. Overseas post + £1.25. Air + £2.75

* NEW *

NASL — A Complete Record of the North American Soccer League. The massive complete history of the NASL — a great buy. Hardback, £17.95. UK Post + £2.20. Overseas post + £3.50. Air + £9.50

Soccer — The World Game. A large-size book covering The World Cup and all major national and club competitions. Hardback £9.95. UK post + £2.20. Overseas post + £3.50. Air + £7.50.

Rush — The Italian Diary. A biography about Ian Rush's time in Italy. Hardback £9.95. UK Post + £1.50. Overseas post + £2.50. Air + £5.00

V I D E O S
UK FORMAT (VHS)
PAL System — for UK, Europe, Australasia

The World at their Feet: Highlights of the 1970 World Cup (90 mins). UK price £29.95. Overseas £31.95.

Early Games: All black and white videos. Priced £16.95 UK; £18.95 overseas:

1954 World Cup Series (86 mins)
1962 World Cup Series (47 mins)
1966 World Cup Final (106 mins)
1960 Euro Cup Final (Real Madrid v Eintract)
1963 Euro Cup Final (Milan v Benfica)
1967 Euro Cup Final Celtic v Inter)
1968 Euro Cup Final (Man Utd v Benfica)

V I D E O S
USA FORMAT (VHS)
NTSC System — for North & South America and Japan

The Story of the World Cup: Highlights up to 1982. (51 mins) £28.95)

Goal: Highlights of 1966 World Cup (100 mins). Price £25.95).

1986 World Cup: Highlights of last World Cup (60 mins). Price £32.95.

FA Cup Final: 1923-1978. Highlights of FA Cup Finals (58 mins). Price £36.95.

10% DISCOUNT ON ALL ORDERS IN EXCESS OF £60

ORDER FORM

To: **THE SOCCER BOOKSHELF (World Soccer), MAIL ORDER SERVICES, 72 ST PETERS AVENUE, CLEETHORPES, DN35 8HU, ENGLAND. Tel: (0742) 696226 (24 hour orderline).**

From: .....

.....

.....

(20) .....

TITLE	PRICE £	PRICE p	POST £	POST p

Make cheques payable to: MAIL ORDER SERVICES

COST
+ Postage
Total

I enclose cheque /cash /British PO for

I wish to pay by Credit Card No. ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Access /Master Charge ☐ Barclaycard /Visa ☐ American Express ☐

I have paid by Transcash into Account No. 278 — 2952 ☐

Payment accepted in US Dollars, Canadian Dollars, Australian Dollars, cheques and money orders

LETTERS

SIR — I have been reading your excellent magazine for many years and I believe there is none better in the market. But it amazes me that the English media in general remains, otherwise, so insular. As a Scot-in-exile it amazes me that the World Under-16 Championship has been virtually ignored south of the border.

Here are 16 of the finest, best-prepared young teams in the world playing a few miles to the north and no-one, in the English newspaper world, seems to think it is worth a mention. The pages are full with speculation about the private life of Bobby Robson but, of 'real' football, next to nothing.

I understand English jealousy that Scotland are playing hosts. But surely readers do want to know what is going on in their sport? I understand that the standard of the football in the under-16 event has been first class. Yet such is the blinkered approach in English that they actually staged England v West Germany Schoolboys at Wembley on the day the under-16 finals began.

Surely those English lads would have learned far more being sent up to watch a few matches in Scotland that weekend instead?.

So keep it up, World Soccer — one lone voice of soccer sanity.
GREVILLE MACRAE, Apsley Road, Clifton, Bristol.

SIR — I was thrilled to see the new-look World Soccer. More colour and more pages but still the same 'adult' standard of reporting. That has to be an ideal mixture and I wish your publication all the best for your new era.
ERIC SANDFORD, High Street, Edgmond, near Newport, Shropshire.

SIR — I await with trepidation the next issues of World Soccer. While I understand the need to progress and change the look of the magazine from time to time I consider the changes evident in the June edition as too much to take. Of course colour photography is a fact of life nowadays even in the national press. But World Soccer has always been more important to me for the writing than for the pictures. I would hate to think that you are descending a populist path with bigger and bigger pictures and smaller and smaller articles. As a loyal reader since 1965 I would be grateful if you would take my criticisms as seriously as they are meant.
RICHARD GODDEN, Fursby Court, Royston, Cambs.

SIR — I don't agree with your correspondent about how wonderful Milan were in Barcelona when they won the European Cup Final. I think a team of park footballers could have beaten Steaua Bucharest, the way they played that night. They just rolled over and stuck their legs in the air. Their marking was non-existent and their passing was awful. I think it was an indictment of Milan and their over-rated Dutchmen that they scored only four times. I had a lot of respect for the Steaua team which won the European Cup three years ago. They would have beaten the present lot into a cocked hat.
STEVEN GONZALEZ, Lankhammerstrasse, Frankfurt, West Germany.

SIR — How much longer are we going to have to put up with Brian Glanville dredging up poor old Lobo and Solti every time he writes about UEFA. Can't the poor old chaps be laid to rest? I'm sure that Lobo probably got a very rough deal. But to pretend each time that this was the only time anyone ever tried to influence a referee is nonsense. What about John Gordon, the Scottish World Cup referee in 1978 who was later banned from the game because he accepted a few tracksuits? Though, come to think of it, I believe Milan were the club involved that time. Anyway, back to my main point: Give Lobo a break, Brian, and use your space for something more constructive than raking up the long-dead past.
TERENCE ESTEBAN, Long Hill, Weymouth.

SIR — Why was the telephone number of your new office left out of the June issue? I have always found your staff very helpful in the past in trying to sort out some of my obscure queries. Have I been banned? Have we, your readers, been banned? I would prefer to think that this was just one minor slip in an otherwise brilliant new-style World Soccer. I thought the picture coverage of all the European club finals was first-class and the reports from Keir Radnedge gave me a new insight into the international game. I almost felt as if I were there. Also, could we have more articles please, from Jonathan Shallard. His report on the real issues in the UEFA Cup Final was another eye-opener.

Will all that persuade you to put the telephone number back?
PHILIP HILL, Lancelot Close, Slough.

SIR — I think it's great that you have started a readers' letters column. I hope this will now become a regular feature of the magazine. I know how many people read World Soccer because of all the replies I received when I advertised for pen pals. I am sure they would like to express their views about what's going on in international football.
PERRY FISHER, Courtfield Rise, West Wickham.

SIR — I thought you might be interested to let your readers see what I think is the ideal World XI now: Shilton (England) — Amoros (France), Baresi (Italy), Astengo (Chile), Maldini (Italy)

Steaua Bucharest's Petrescu is chased by Milan's Donadoni in the European Cup Final in Barcelona.

Alexei Mikhailichenko

— Mikhailichenko (Soviet Union), Geovani (Brazil), Gullit (Holland), Ancelotti (Italy) — Van Basten (Holland), Romario (Brazil). I am a Manchester United fan and a great admirer of Bryan Robson so I'm sorry I could not find a place for him. Maybe next year — after England have won the World Cup!
ALAN VINTON, Liverpool Road, London N7.

SIR — I was very interested to see that in a recent World Soccer you published a list of all the big foreign newspapers and football magazines. I wrote to several of the addresses for specimen copies and was thrilled with the answers I received. I think the Italian sports newspapers are terrific. Why doesn't someone, a Murdoch or a Maxwell, do something like that in Britain? I'm sure there would be a huge market because the British people are all so fanatical about sport.
(Mrs) SUSAN RICHMOND, Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

SIR — I am getting very confused with all these satellite television stations people keep talking about. I want to know which one will be best for foreign football. A lot of my friends time their holidays so they can watch football abroad and the chance to watch foreign teams on our own television sets ought to be too good to miss. It seems to me a pity that the satellite TV companies seem to think everyone understands all about their programming and where you find each channel or station. I think they could mak a much greater impact if they stressed the amount of foreign football they show.
BONNIE PETERS, Lincoln Crescent, Derby.

SIR — I just wanted to write, as a Liverpool fan, to say how much I appreciated the police chief apologising for what he said (or didn't say) to his superiors immediately after the Hillsborough disaster. I am sure it is obvious that what happened was the outcome of a tragic collision of circumstances. No one man, whether policeman or steward or emergency or security worker, should blame himself with the enormity of what happened.
J. D. SINGER, Yew Tree Walk, Hounslow.

BOOKS

THIS IS a quiet time in general for the sports books market, with only one new publication drifting into the office — and that from Sweden.

But what a publication! A real heavyweight. Fotboll 1988 is published by Strombergs Idrottsbocker AB of Stockholm (write to them for price details, NOT to World Soccer) and takes a large, glossy, 496-page look back over last year — both in text and statistical coverage, touching the game both in Sweden and in the world. The Swedish aspect is dealt with most thoroughly, with one page of text and line-ups, etc for every round of the season. Youth football, women's football — if you are interested in the Swedish game and have some money to burn, this is the book for you.

FIFA, the world federation, has its own publishing department concerned with producing the various technical reports from each major tournament. Twenty years ago you were lucky to get a little pamphlet but over the years FIFA has become more and more conscious of the widely-read importance of these publications not only to coaches and the media but also to some fans as well.

The latest technical report published deals with the finals of the Olympic Games soccer tournament in Seoul last year. You need some degree of not only English, but also French, German and Spanish to devour this report in its entirety. But the statistical input is clear and obvious and this appears, all in all, to be by far the best report of this type on any Olympic football event thus far.

To obtain more information, contact FIFA (Technical Reports dept), PO Box 85, CH-8030 Zurich, Switzerland.

Above: Dominique Rocheteau and below Michael Laudrup.

INFORMATION DESK

DANNY McALEER, Dreghorn St, Denniston: Michael Laudrup originally cost Juventus around £400,000 though the financial transactions were complicated because of the split between Laudrup's old club, Brondby, and the player, as well as by the involvement of Lazio, to whom Laudrup was first loaned on going to Italy. The record fee received for a Danish player is the £800,000 which Bayer Uerdingen of West Germany have just paid for Laudrup's younger brother, Brian, also from Brondby.

ANDREW TAYLOR, Edwin Terrace, Greenside, Ryton, Tyne and Wear: Dominique Rocheteau, was born on January 14, 1955, and scored 15 goals in 49 appearances for the French national team. He was discovered by Saint-Etienne in 1974 though a pre-season injury in a match against Leeds delayed his first-team breakthrough. Injury also meant he appeared only as a late substitute — albeit a brilliant one — in the disappointing 1976 Champions' Cup final defeat by Bayern Munich at Hampden. Rocheteau had a poor World Cup in 1978 and moved to Paris SG in 1980, complaining that he needed a new challenge. Was switched from right wing to centre-forward by coach Georges Peyroche and gained a new lease of life. Starred in the 1982 World Cup, scoring two fine goals in the second round victory over Northern Ireland. Retired from the national team after the 1986 World Cup finals and moved to Toulouse in the summer of 1987. Was originally known as the "Beatle" of French football and wrote a pop record review column for a football magazine.

PHILLIP A. DELMONT, Whispering Way, Loves Park, Illinois, US: The address of the Icelandic FA is PO Box 8511, 128 Reykjavik.

J. VOOGT, Gereberalaan 119, Naaldwyk, Holland: Cyprus beat Luxembourg 1-0 on December 17, 1985, with a 52nd minute goal from Tsikos. There was a 1,000 crowd in the Makarios stadium in Nicosia for this friendly international.

MARTIN RAMOS, PO Box 3843, Makati CPO, Philippines: For further coaching course information regarding England, contact the Football Association, 16 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LW.

MARCOS LEON, Railway Terrace, Merrylands, Sydney, Australia: The address pof the clubs requested are as follows — Tottenham Hotspur, 748 High Road, London N17; Luton Town, 72 Kenilworth Rd, Luton, Beds; Wimbledon FC, Plough Lane Ground, Durnsford Road, Wimbledon, London SW19; Watford FC, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford WD1 8ER; West Ham United, Boleyn Ground, Green Street, Upton Park, London E13; Sheffield Wednesday, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 1SW; Manchester City, Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester M14 7WN; Aston Villa, Villa Park, Trinity Road, Birmingham B6 6HE.

SIMON TIMOTHY, Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey: World Cup ticket sales in Italy are being handled by the Banca Nazionale di Lavoro which has a London branch at 33/35 Cornhill; telephone 01 623 4222 or 626 6211.

MICHAEL MONTAGUE, Courtown Road, Kilcock, co Kildare, Rep.Ireland: Matra Racing of Paris are currently fighting to survive following the decision of the Matra group to withdraw sponsorship. A plan to merge Racing with Lens has been thrown out by the French federation and the future for the club — which has only tenuous connections with the great old Racing Club of France — is uncertain.

LOULWA ALARAYYED, PO Box 70, Manama, Bahrain: For a detailed list of FIFA members, plus affiliation dates, contact FIFA at PO Box 85, 8030 Zurich.

MALCOLM NEAL, Vipond Road, Whangapara, Orewa, New Zealand: Addresses of the clubs mentioned are as follows — Club Atletico Penarol, Magallanes esquina de Galicia, Montevideo, Uruguay; Club Nacional de Futbol, Avenida 8 de Octubre 2487, Montevideo, Uruguay; Club Deportivo Los Millonarios, Calle 39A — Nos 14-32, Bogota, Colombia; Clube de Regatas do Flamengo, Praca Nossa Senhora Auxiliadora, Gavea, Rio de Janeiro; Santos Futebol Clube, Rua Princesa Isabel, Vila Belmiro, Santos/Sao Paulo.

IAN MACKAY, Brewster Court, Caithness: The address of the Brazilian club Gremio is as follows — Gremio Foot-Ball Porto-Alegrense, Largo dos Campeoes, Azenha, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

R.L.HAYNES, Park Farm, Woburn, Milton Keynes: The address of the French club Bordeaux is: Girondins de Bordeaux, 347 Bd Wilson, 33200 Bordeaux, France.ENDS

INFORMATION DESK

We welcome your letters on any topic concerning international football. Write to:
Editor's Letters
World Soccer
25th Floor
Kings Reach Tower
Stamford Street
London SE1 9LS

We regret that Information Desk queries (NO long lists, please) can be dealt with only through this column.

ALL CHANGE IN HUNGARY—AGAIN!

by BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

KALMAN MESZOLY may soon be back in charge

The Hungarian FA have appointed Dr Mihaly Laczko as their new president following an interim three-man team who were in charge during a period which affected the country's World Cup hopes, now almost certain to end in disappointment and non-qualification for the finals in Italy next year.

Laczko, aged 63, was voted in by a 77-74 majority over Andras Zalka, a former vice-president during the second reign of Gyorgy Mezey as national team manager, an acknowledged football theorist and sports master at the Budapest Sports College, in the first, most important, executive decision for the Hungarian game this season.

The reform of the administrative team had initially been planned to be implemented before the start of the spring season when Mezey was starting out on a six-year contract which ended after mere months.

Dr Laczko is the general manager of the Hungarian Cable Works and regarded as something of an economic magician after he turned a £1 million deficit into a £3 million profit in two years. Born in Szeged, souther Hungary, and a Second Division player, his first announcement upon election was that he had been"unhappy with the errors in selection of Bertalan Bicskei," the present national team manager who replaced the resigned Mezey after Hungary's 2-2 draw away to group rivals Malta in December. He made clear that Bicskei's short reign, involving a 0-0 draw at home to the Republic of Ireland, a 1-1 home draw with Malta and the 2-0 defeat in the Republic of Ireland, was over while the general secretary, Peter Torok, has been dismissed.

Dr Laczko, who says that he will "choose my own colleagues," was appointed on to the Vasas committee before the return of Kalman Meszoly, the former Vasas play and 61-times capped international defender who also managed the national team as well as Turkey. Meszoly, implicated in the latest mach-fixing bribery scandal, was exonerated of complicity and sat on the bench for the last two matches for Vasas, the club he managed earlier in the season before being relieved of his duties when the police rounded up suspects, Meszoly having been a technical adviser for Zalaegerszeg last season.

Despite Meszoly being unable to prevent Vasas avoiding the play-zoffs as one of the two teams above those relegated, Dr Laczko may very well name the easy-going blond haired former international for a second term as national manager.

An appointment is expected before next seaon, when Hungary complete their World Cup qualifying group atches by playing Northern Ireland (away, September 6), and Spain (hom, October II, and away, November 15).

Dr Laczka said that other managers he was considering for the post of national team manager were Jozsef Verebes, the supremo at MTK-VM who took them to the championship title three seasons ago and who had a short stint in charge of Hungary while also leading his club team, Gabor Kaszas (Videoton), and Jozsef Both, manager of Budapest Honved who retained the championship on the last day of the league season. Dr Laczko also said that before making any decision he would like to talk with Mezey, who is presently in Finland.

Bicskei, like Mezey and all the other above managers is in his mid-40s, clearly had problems in motivating his selections. Tibor Farkas, recalled to the national squad under Bicskei, complained of injuries and ruled himself out of matches while Tamas Petres, the 2l-year-old Videoton forward who was leading scorer in the league when the squad was chosen for Dublin, also said he was injured and did not appear in the line-up.

Failure to beat modest Malta at home, to score even once at home against a defensive Republic of Ireland, puts into perspective the missed chances that will do much to keep Hungary out of the World Cup Finals.

Champions

Despite a show of some commitment and skill in Dublin there was an absence of true professionalism and too much haste in looking for an excuse for failure; the fall by the recalled Imre Garaba to an obvious but weak push in the back by Ray Houghton, which led to Houghton crossing the ball freely for Ton Cascarino to head in the second, decisive, goal for the Republic, was an indication of Hungary's parlous state in the international field. Honved, the defending champions, clinching their fifth title in ten seasons and the 11th in all since being formed in 1949. On the final day of the league season, with all matches kicking off at the same time, the army club beat MTK-VM 2-0 at their Bozsik Stadion to finish the 30-match programme with 61 points, two more than Ferenovaros and three more than MTK-VM. Videoton, from the city of Szekesfehervar, were fourth with 57 points and Rabo ETO, of Gyar, were next with 56.

This group of five pulled away in the second half of the championship — in which penalties were used to decide matches drawn after 90 minutes, the winner scoring two points and the loser one. The spring campaign started with MTK-VM leading with 36 points, four more than Ferencvaros and seven more than Honved. Despite the weakened selections forced on Honved as a result of players being implicated in the match-fixing bribes scandal, they overtook Ferencvaros after the 23rd round of matches and remained in the pole position despite the occasional slip. When it came to the final round Both must have been pleased that he could put one over MTK-VM,who dismissed him after only two matches when the blue-and-whites lured Verebes and went on to record their most recent championship triumph. For their final two matches Honved fielded Sandor Sallai, the defender with 52 appearances for the national team, who was exonerated of guilt in the bribes scandal at the same time as Meszoly.

Defender

Ferencvaros, fifth in the previous three season, had their best season since the early 1980's when they began the decade with the championship title before finishing second in the following two seasons. The team managed by Gyula Rakosi and Florian Albert, that graceful forward from the era when Ferenovaros enhanced the European stage, are certain of returning after a disturbing absence.

They also finished 1-0 runners-up to Honved in a hooligan-scarred final of the Hungarian Cup after a semi-final victory over Siofok (3-0 in the second leg at home after a 2-1 loss in the first leg), Honved having beaten Zalaegerszeg 3-2 on aggregate after 1-1 draw at home in the first match.

The climax to the season — the Budapest trio deciding for themselves the first three positions — was accompanied by a heart-stopping fight at the bottom of the points table. Vasas, 4-0 losers to Ferenovaros in the penultimate match and Meszoly's first upon resumption, avoided automatic relegation by beating fellow candidates Zalaegerszeg 2-0 at Fay Utca. Vasas and Haladas, of Szombathely, finished with 35 points, one more than Zalaegerszeg and the promoted Dunaujvaros (26) who are relegated. Haladas and Vasas now take part in the play-offs.

Hungary's Imre Garaba wins this duel with the Republic of Ireland's John Aldridge but the Irish won the battle — 2-0 in Dublin

NEWS FROM ASIA

Radhi stamps his marks

by WALID TABRA

Iraq's International striker Ahmed Radhi has been selected Asia and Arab Footballer of the year.

Arab sport editors, who attended the Asian Nations cup in Doha, Qatar, last December voted for the 25-ear-old striker. One month later, Radhi added another jewel to his crown when he was named Asia Footballer of the Year.

Radhi confirmed his worth when he scored six goals in three matches in The World Cup West Asia zone group –A– qualifying matches. Four out of the six goals came against Jordan in Iraq's 4-0 victory in February.

The Rasheed striker belongs to a family including two first division players, Salih and Fadhil, both of whom played for former Arab champion police club.

"My brothers were always taking me to football pitches near our home to guard their bags" said Radhi. "They were afraid that I was too weak for football, but I did not give up."

His inspiration was a teacher who made him captain of his primary school team. But that was not enough to persuade his brothers to include him in their teams.

The turning point came when Radhi's brother Salih came to him before the kick-off of one of their matches and said: "Get up and put on this jersey."

Radhi did not believe it and said "I did not bring my boots." His teacher hurried home to get them.

In 1979 Radhi took his first trip abroad when he joined the Iraqi junior team in the Gothenburg tournament but only appeared on the substitutes' bench.

Popular

Eldest brother Salih, who was playing for the Police club, persuaded the club's junior team coach to give Radhi the chance, in vain. Radhi says: "It was a hard time for me. I thought that my career had come to an end when the coach did not give me even a half chance to play."

Later another junior coach of another first division team, Tijjar, signed him. But Police club refused to release him and Radhi decided to quit football. He says: "I thought it was the end and I decided to give full attention to my studies."

The second and vital turning point in Radhi's career came in 1981 when he joined Zawra, the most popular club in Iraq. They clinched the junior championship, thanks to Radhi's eight goals.

The next season he was promoted to the first team and played his first match in a cup tie against Air Force, his team's arch-rival.

Air Force and Iraq international stopper Nadhum Shaker was at his peak at that time and even top strikers like Hussein Saeed and Falah Hassan would think twice before clashing with The Butcher, as Nadhum was called.

But Radhi's skill — and he was still only 17 — gave Shaker such a hard time that the young Zawra stiker jumped high enough to win a duel in the air against Shaker and score the winner. He had earlier set-up the first goal.

National team manager Ammu Baba caused a sensation by calling up this 17-year-old player who had played only one match in the first division category.

Radhi says: "I think it was not the right time for Baba to call me up. There were big names like Hadi Ahmed, Hassan Farhan and Falah Hassan in my position and it was just a fiasco."

Hat-tricks

Radhi made his first appearance for Iraq in their 7-1 crushing of Jordan in 1982 and one month later took his second trip abroad, to The United Arab Emirates and scored his first goal for Iraq in that Olympic Qualifier.

A few months later, in August 1983, Iraq won the Palestine Youth cup in Morocco and Radhi topped the goalscoring list with eight goals, including two hat-tricks. In the final match against Saudi Arabia, he leapt above the Saudi defence to head home Shaker Mahmood's cross and to stamp Iraq's name on the Trophy.

But storm clouds were gathering and suddenly Radhi found himself in a row with Baba after the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Baba accused Radhi of not being worthy of wearing the national jersey.

After the Olympics failure, Baba was sacked and Radhi was recalled in triumph to the line-up under the management of Anwar Jassam. In the Pan Arab Games in Morocco in 1985, Radhi scored five goals to lead Iraq to the gold medal. The same year, he played a key role in Rasheed's winning of the league championship.

The more the time went on, the better Radhi has become. In 1986 he once more lived up to his reputation by helping his team retain their title in the Arab club championship. Then, in the World Cup Finals he scored Iraq's only goal, against Belgium.

In the ninth Arab Gulf cup in Saudi Arabia he scored four goals to finish top of the goalscorers list.

Three months later he topped the list of goalscorers in the Arab cup in Jordan as Iraq triumphed for the fourth time — taking his personal tally to 32 goals in 68 games.

Tony Morley — a favourite in Hong Kong.

Happy Valley do it in style

from BOB PATEMAN

It has taken 24 years but Happy Valley have, at long last, won the Hong Kong league title. They took the final points in style, giving a great attacking display against Sea Bee to win 2-0.

During the first half Valley were denied by some excellent keeping from Choi Chi-ping but they kept their heads and increased the pressure after the break. Right at the start Tam Ah-fook saw his header bounce off the post and minutes later he had the ball in the net. Unfortunately it was a controversial goal, the Sea Bee players claiming he had used his hands as he dived and rolled the ball over the line. There was no controversy over the second goal, a fine header from Ng Kam-hung in the last minutes, leaving the defence standing.

Just over a thousand fans had turned up to watch the Valley players take the title and collect HK$500,000 in bonus pay.

See Bee however were still protesting that first goal the following day, even going as far as to threatening to withdraw from the league.

Happy Valley....	27	19	7	1	52	10	69
South China.....	26	20	4	2	54	16	64
Double Flower	27	14	9	4	37	12	57

Meanwhile the national team warmed up for their World Cup campaign with an unconvincing 2-1 defeat of neighbours Macao, leaving the F.A. worried that the home fans might take little interest in the qualifying games. As a result they are offering reductions for anybody buying block tickets for all three games and tempting the gambling loving Hong Kong public with a big match lottery.

Experiment

The arguments over foreign players also continues with the small clubs wanting a three year trial period while the big sides favour a five-year experiment.

The biggest name to be talked about so far is former England winger Tony Morley. The midlands player had a long career with several league clubs, most noticeably Aston Villa and West Bromwich. He first played for England as substitute against Hungary in 1982 and went on to win 6 caps.

Singapore boom

SINGAPORE: An average attendance of 851 might not sould like anything to get excited about but it represents a significant increase for the Singapore Premier League. The seven club, 42 match league totalled 35,756 spectators, an increase of over a hundred per match on last year's figures. This despite entrance fees doubling from one, to two dollars a game.

The reason for this mini boom has been put down to the presence of foreign players, with eight Europeans appearing in the league this season. Balestier had three Yugoslavian players to help them to the title but they could not prevent Jurong Town taking the two major cup competitions. Geyland International, double winners last year when the pioneered the signing of European players, still finished third in the attendance figures, despite failing to take a major trophy.

Limited

Balestier United's Boris Lucic, a 24 year old who was on the books of Hadjuk Split, was the most successful of the foreign stars and has been selected to play for Singapore when they enter the Malaysian Cup in July. The Football Association of Singapore would also have liked to have included Josko Spanjic, but financial restraints limited them to one foreign player. It is possible that Spanjic might still appear in the competition as Malaysian side Johor have expressed an interest in him.

One local player in the news is Jurong's talented striker Tokijan. He had a good season, capping it with two goals in the President's Cup final win over Police. Now his clubs sponsors, Jebsen and Jessen, want to send him for a month's trial in Denmark. The multinational company have links with four Danish clubs so a trial should be easy to arrange. Tokijan however looks likely to get a call up for the Singapore squad to play in the Malaysian Cup and this might well prevent his European trip.

Singapore, facing a David versus Goliath contest with South Korea in the World Cup, were not happy to hear that they will be without their striker Sundramoorthy who is playing for the Swiss team, Old Boys, Financial demands and the clubs busy end of season program were quoted as being the reasons for his absence. There are also doubts if the two Kuala Lumpar stars, Fandi Ahmad and Malek Awb would be released.

League champions Geyland International have however been promised the release of their five International players for the ASEAN Club championship to be staged in Malaysia.

JAPAN: The Japanese national team has had a strong of dismal results recently but have a reasonable chance of qualifying from the World Cup group which includes Hong Kong, Indonesia and North Korea. The veterans of the side are 28 year old goalkeeper Shinichi Morishita and midfield player Takashi Mizunuma. It is indeed Mizunuma who is seen as the key figure in the side.

Up front the attack is led by Mitsunori Yoshida of the Yamaha Club who is noted for his power in the air. Of the younger players watch out for Atsushi Natori in midfield and striker Osamu Maeda. Maeda is a 23 year old who plays for All Nippon Air and he is already making a big impression.

The side gave a reasonable performance in their two warm up games with China, winning the first 2-0 and drawing the second 2- 2. The second match saw a whole series of errors. Japan went behind to an own goal and Osamu Maeda was able to intercept a terrible back pass to the keeper to put Japan ahead at 2-1. In between Tamoyuk Kajino scored for Japan while Zhang Xia hit the second Chinese goal.

South Korea made it to the 1986 World Cup finals.

NEWS FROM ASIA

BANGLADESH: The Bangladesh national team with their bright orange shirts and green socks must be one of the most colourful sides in the world of football. They have yet to achieve any great success but there are a few signs that this country of nearly 100 million people is making some progress in soccer. During the last World Cup the national team scored home victories over Indonesia and Thailand. This time round they faced China, Iran and Thailand and proved remarkably tough to beat. China particularly struggled against them and the Baigladesh side recorded a victory against Thailand, winning 3-1.

Their best year however was 1985 when the national team reached the final of the Quaid-E-Azam tournament in Pakistan and lost to India in the final of the South Asian Football Games.

The main domestic competition is the Dhaka league. The season lasts from March to November, starting with a regular single round league of 15 games. After that the top eight sides play each other in a second round while the bottom four join a relegation group. One problem is the dominance of a small handful of clubs, Abahani Krira Chakra, Brothers Union and Mohammedan Sporting who are seldom beaten by any of the other league sides.

Included in the Abahani Krira Chakra's squad is striker Ashrafuddin Ahmed, perhaps the best known player in the country.

In addition to the league there is a Federation Cup for league teams and the Sher-e-Bangla Cup for district, educational and commercial sides. The Dhaka stadium holds up to 45,000 people and was the venue for the second South Asian Federation Games.

MALAYSIA: State side Kelantan have had an argument with their two Singapore stars, Razali Rashid and Ahmad Ibrahim. The two internationals were originally asked to take part in a trial match, but the players insisted that they were not 'kucing kurap' — small time players — and refused. For a while it seemed they would be free to play for Singapore in the Malaysian Cup but when Kelantan's plans to sign two Brazilians fell through the Singapore stars were offered the contracts they wanted. The decision to play semi-professional in Malaysia will rule both players out of the Singapore World Cup games.

The singing of Ahmad was something of a surprise because he has limited experience at this level but Kelantan coach Majid Ariff knows the player well having worked in the Singapore league, and is confident that he is just the man to add bite to their attack.

In Spain in 1982 Kuwait found an appreciative following, but they won't be going to Italy.

Shocks as Kuwait and Iraq bow out

by PAUL MOON

THE first two completed groups in Asian World Cup Qualifying Series round one both produced major surprises with the eliminations of Kuwait and Iraq — representatives of the continent in the Mundials of 1982 and 1986 respectively.

Kuwait's demise was slightly less unexpected. Since appearing in Spain seven years ago its power has waned; due largely to the insipidness of Kuwaiti FA officials, and Group Three opponents United Arab Emirates had, over the previous year, a slightly better record. The general consensus of opinion, however, was that the Kuwaitis' greater experience would see them through.

As it transpired, it was the section's third team — makeweights Pakistan — which held the key to UAE's eventual success.

Soccer in the south Asian nation had been severely restricted for almost a year prior to the Group matches commencing. Pakistan's internal political problems led to the abandonment of the 1988 National Championship and its international selection had not been in action for eight months.

The Pakistanis should have been thrashed out of sight by Kuwait, but instead the six times Gulf Champions could only produce three goals against them and, although that was sufficient to gain four points, it gave UAE a distinct advantage.

The Emirates had hammered Pakistan 5-0 at home and, although Kuwait had beaten its neighbour 3-2 in Al Kuwait, a victory in the return at Sharjah would, it was obvious, be good enough to book the underdogs a place in Round Two as goal differences favoured them.

Mourning

Before an enthusiastic crowd of 20,000, a 62nd minute goal by Adel Al Talyani gave UAE soccer one of its proudest moments and plunged the Kuwaiti state into mourning.

A 4-1 victory in Islamabad seven days later confirmed UAE as group winners.

Group One proved even more dramatic, as Qatar — a nation of just 300,000 inhabitants — eliminated Iraq, the dominant force of Gulf and Pan Arabic soccer for most of the current decade.

Qatar's success is particularly remarkable; being achieved with an inexperienced team that had been brought together for the first time early in the year, following a disappointing performance in the Asian Cup tournament it hosted last December.

For seven years, the backbone of Qatar's senior selection had been formed by the players who carried the tiny country to the 1981 World Youth Championship Final in Australia, but a host of fresh faces were introduced in January and, remarkably quickly, they all proved their worth.

The new look Qataris kicked off with an unconvincing 1-0 home victory over lowly-rated Jordan and, a week later, they were held to a scoreless draw by the Gulf's perpetual straggler, Oman. As Iraq had also dropped a point in Muscat, however, neither of the Group's major protagonists could claim any advantage at that stage.

Both teams commenced their first clash in Doha with three points on the board and, for well over an hour, the hardy Iraqis looked to have everything under control. Their defence was coping comfortably with Qatar's spasmodic thrusts, while the home side always appeared vulnerable to quickly mounted counter attacks.

Then, with just ten minutes remaining, Qatar unexpectedly struck through an opportunist Mahmoud Soufi goal and secured both points.

But, that good work was very nearly undone just a week later when the Qataris met an uncharacteristically determined Jordan in Amman. The

match remained scoreless for 90 minutes and then, deep into injury time, Awad snatched a goal for the home side. Incredibly, the mercurial Soufi netted within thirty seconds of the restart to salvage a draw!

Without Soufi's late, late strike, Qatar; having an inferior goal difference to Iraq, would have travelled to Baghdad requiring nothing less than a win in the group's last and decisive game to advance. Now a draw would suffice.

Qatar created a sensation before kick off by dropping the nation's first "soccer superstar", Khalid Salman; who had been strangely lethargic throughout the series, in favour of the inexperienced Saleh Aid. Aid repaid the faith shown in him by poaching the game's opening goal after 18 minutes.

Spurred on by a crowd of 50,000, Iraq clawed its way back into the match. Ahmad Rahdi equalised on the half hour mark and then, in the 77th minute, Hussein Said put the home side ahead.

Failure

Iraqi rejoicing was to last for just eight minutes before Adel Khamis netted what turned out to be the group-clnching goal. There were to be no final minutes sensation this time. Iraq was out and the Middle East's smallest nation remained on the road to Italy!

Just as remarkable as Iraq's exit were the repercussions of its failure in Baghdad.

Emanuel Baba Daoud became a candidate for the Guinness Book of Records when his FA dismissed him as national team coach for the seventh time!

More fortunate was FA chairman Uddy Saddam Hussain, who relinquished his post only for the resignation to be rejected by the association's executive committee.

This Uddy Saddam Hussain, incidentally, is the same Uddy Saddam Hussain whom featured in newspapers around the globe recently when charged with murder after killing his bodyguard. The court, however, concluded that he had inadvertently brought about the servant's death by hitting him on the head with a walking stick during a bout of horseplay. All charges were dismissed.

The more cynical observers of events in Iraq have suggested that young Uddy's seemingly charmed life can be explained, to a large degree, by him being the eldest son of the country's Head of State, President Saddam Hussein At-Takriti.

While arguments still rage in Iraq over whether or not the hapless Daoud should solely have been held liable for the national team's failure, the reasons for Qatar's success are much easier to locate.

A livewire, efficient and ambitious national association has served the country well. Its most enlightened decision in recent times was to retain foreign players in domestic competitions, even though all the other Gulf nations had decided to adopt locals-only policies. Undoubtably, the "foreign legion" (mainly Brazilians and Iranians) have been largely responsible for raising overall standards, yet match attendances ae often abysmal. One recent first division fixture attracted just 75 spectators!

Al Sadd's triumph in the Asian Champions' Cup this April underlined Qatari soccer's current strength and, more significantly perhaps, marked Khalid Salman's return to peak form. That augurs well for Round Two and suggests Italy may well play host to one of the least likely finalists in World Cup history.

ASIAN WORLD CUP DETAILS

FIRST ROUND: GROUP ONE

January 6

Oman 1 (Khamis 37)
Iraq 1 (Mohammed 18)
Sultan Qaboos Stadium, Muscat
HT: 1-1. **Att;** 3,500. **Ref:** Pratumhong (Thailand)

Oman: Obeib — Jumah, Hamadan, Hussa, Mansour (Hedrami) — Hammoud, Al Hanai, Faraish, Nasser — Nassi, Khamis.

Iraq: Jassem — Karim Allwai, Derjal, Kamal, Khalil Allawi — Oreibi, Korkis (Mohammed), Hossein, Dham (Hachem) — Said, Radhi.

Qatar 1 (Soufi 21)
Jordan 0
Khalifa Olympic Stadium
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Peng Ann (Singapore)

Qatar: Ahmed — Dham, Adsani, Meheizaa, Adel Khamis — Al Ammari, Johar (Kwari), Nasser, Khalifa Khamis — Soufi, Salman.

Jordan: Abbasi — Assaf, Sharaa (Alkhasaali), Telli, Ammouri — Yadj, Munem, Saadia, Elssaheb (Sahem) — Awad, Bodewi.

January 13

Oman 0
Qatar 0
Sultan Qaboos Stadium, Muscat
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Nasir (Saudi Arabia)

Oman: Obeid — Jumas, Hamadan, Hedrami, Hammoud — Mansour,Nasser (Hanai), Faraish (Khalifa), Abdullah — Khamis, Faraj.

Qatar: Ahmed — Dham, Adsani, Meheizaa, Johar — Al Ammari, Adel Khamis, Kuwari — Soufi, Khalifa Khamis, Mohammedi.

Jordan 0
Iraq 1 (Oreibi 60)
International Stadium, Amman
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Rahman (Bahrain)

Jordan: Abbasi — Assaf, Sharaa, Telli, Ammouri — Yadj, Munem, Saadia, Elssaheb — Awad, Bodewi.

Iraq: Jassem — Derjal, Kamal, Khalil Allawi, Karim Allawi — Oreibi, Mohamed, Hossein — Hachem, Said, Radhi.

January 20

Jordan 2 (Yadj 32, 43)
Oman 0
International Stadium, Amman
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Nizar (Syria)

Jordan: Abbasi — Assaf, Sharaa, Telli, Ammouri — Yadj, Monem, Bedwi — Hossen, Saheb (Awad), Munem.

Oman: Obeid — Hamadan, Hedrami, Hammoud, Mansour — Nasser, Freij, Abdullah, Khamis — Nassi, Faraj.

Qatar 1 (Soufi 80)
Iraq 0
Khalifa Olympic Stadium, Doha
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Zhong (China)

Qatar: Ahmed — Dham, Adsani, Amari, Adel Khamis — Danbi,Kwari, Salem — Soufi, Khalifa Kamis, Salman.

Iraq: Jassem — Karim Allawi, Derjal, Kamal, Khalil Allawi — Oreibi, Korkis, Hossein, Dham — Said, Radhi.

January 27

Jordan 1 (Awad 91)
Qatar 1 (Soufi 92)
International Stadium, Amman
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Syed (India)

Jordan: Machem — Alkhasaali, Telli, Sharaa, Abeid — Yadj, Saleh, Monem, Bedwi — Hossen, Saheb.

Qatar: Ahmed — Dham, Adsani, Al Ammari, Adel Khamis — Meheizaa, Salem, Kwari — Salman, Soufi, Khalifa Khamis.

Iraq 3 (Hussein 33, Hachim 54, Radhi 85)
Oman 0
Sha'ab Stadium, Baghdad.
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Bujsaim (UAE)

Iraq: Jassem — Khalil Allawi, Derjal, Kamal, Karim Allawi (Korkis) — Oreibi, Mohamed, Hossein (Dham) — Hachem, Said, Radhi.

Oman: Obeid — Hamadan, Hedrami, Hammoud, Nasser — Freij (Khalifa), Abdullah, Khamis — Nassib, Faraj.

February 3

Iraq 4 (Radhi 26, 42, 66, 80)
Jordan 0
Sha'ab Stadium, Baghdad
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Yacob (Malaysia)

Iraq: Jassem — Khalil Allawi, Derjal, Kamal, Karim Allawi — Oreibi, Korkis (Mohamed), Dham — Hachem, Said, Radhi.

Jordan: Machem — Assaf, Sharaa, Telli, Ammouri — Yadj, Munem, Essaleh, Hossen — Bedwi, Awad.

Qatar 3 (Johar 32, Soufi 67, 81)
Oman 0
Khalifa Olympic Stadium, Doha
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Al Jassas (Kuwait)

Qatar: Ahmed — Dham, Adsani, Al Ammari, Ramsi — Meheizaa, Salem, Kwari — Salman (Rahman), Soufi, Khalifa Khamis.

Oman: Obeid — Hamadan, Hedrami, Hammoud, Mansour — Nasser, Khalifa, Abdullah, Khamis — Nassi, Farij.

Oman 0
Jordan 2 (Bodeiwi 49, Awad 66)
Sultan Qaboos Stadium, Muscat
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Ki Chui (South Korea)

Oman: Obeid — Jumah, Hamadan, Hedrami, Hammoud — Mansour, Nasser, Khalifa (Hanai), Abdullah — Nassi, Farij.

Jordan: Abbasi — Assaf, Sharaa, Telli, Ammouri — Yadj, Munem, Saadia (Bedwi), Elssaheb — Awad, Bodewi.

Iraq 2 (Radhi 31, Said 77)
Qatar 2 (Aid 18, Khamis 85)
Sha'ab Stadium, Baghdad
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Sano (Japan)

Iraq: Jassem — Derjal, Oreibi (Kais), Kamal, Khalil Allawi — Karim Allawi, Mohamed (Korkis), Hachem — Chehab, Radhi, Said.

Qatar: Ahmed — Dham, Adsani, Adel Khamis, Al Ammari — Salem, Meheizaa, Khalifa Khamis — Johar, Aid, Soufi.

FIRST ROUND: GROUP 3

January 6

Pakistan 0
Kuwait 1 (Al Hajry 5)
National Stadium, Islamabad
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Iqbal (India)

Pakistan: Akhtar — Doggar, Iqbal, Rahman, Navee — Awan, Patni, Ahmad, Wahid, Tahir — Gill, Naeem.

Kuwait: Shamary — Sad, Joma, Sulayman, Al Hajry — Nasar, Mansur, Folaten, Mubarek — Al Saleh, Marawi.

January 13

Kuwait 3 (Assayed 26, Al Hassawi 65, 84)
United Arab Emirates 2 (Bakhit 54, 69)
Al Qadisiyya Stadium, Kuwait
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Takada (Japan)

Kuwait: Shamary — Flaitah, Jum'a, Abbas, Marzouq — Assayed, Al Braiki, Al Hajry — Al Saleh, Al Hassawi, Marawi.

United Arab Emirates: Musabbeh — Khalil Ghanem, Mubarak Ghanem, Ibrahim Mir, Nasser Khamis — Mohammed, Issa Mir, Bakhit, Tani — Al Talyani, Fahd Khamis.

January 20

United Arab Emirates 5 (Ibrahim 11, 25, Ismail 64, Abdel Rahman Mohammed 78, Abdel Aziz Mohammed 85)
Pakistan 0
Al Sharjah Stadium, Sharjah
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Abu Ali (Jordan)

United Arab Emirates: Musabbeh — Khalil Ghanem, Salim, Obaid, Ibrahim Mir — Ibrahim, Issa Mir, Ismail — Al Talyani, Abdel Rahman Mohammed, Fahd Khamis (Abdel Aziz Mohammed).

Pakistan: Akhtar — Doggar, Iqbal, Rahman, Navee — Awan, Patni, Ahmad, Wahid, Tahir — Gill (Ali), Naeem.

January 27

Kuwait 2 (Marawi 42, 78)
Pakistan 0
Al Qadisiyya Stadium, Kuwait
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Al Sharif (Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait: Shamary — Sad, Jum'a, Mazrouq, Abbas, — Sulayman, Assayed, Flaitah, Al Hajry (Kamil) — Al Saleh, Marawi.

Pakistan: Matten — Muzafar Iqbal, Hossein, Wahab (Bachir), Awan — Ali, Sarwat, Mufeed, Asghar — Rahman, Selim.

February 3

United Arab Emirates 1 (Al Talyani 62)
Kuwait 0
Al Sharjah Stadium, Sharjah

United Arab Emirates: Musabbeh — Khalil Ghanem, Salim, Obaid, Ibrahim Mir — Ibrahim, Issa Mir, Ismail — Al Talyani, Abdel Rahman Mohammed (Mubarek Ghanem), Fahd Khamis.

Kuwait: Shamary — Sad, Jum'a, Mazrouq, Abbas — Sulayman (Al Hassawi), Assayed, Flaitah, Kamil (Al Hajry) — Al Saleh, Marawi.

February 10

Pakistan 1 (Ali 83)
United Arab Emirates 4 (Ismail 7, Ibrahim 26, Al Talyani 27,Abdel Aziz Mohammed 70)
National Stadium, Islamabad
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Nazari (Iran)

Pakistan: Matten — Muzafar Iqbal, Bachir, Hossein (Wahab), Awan — Ali, Sarwat, Mufeed, Asghar — Rahman, Selim.

United Arab Emirates: Musabbeh — Khalil Ghanem, Salim, Obaid, Ibrahim Mir — Ibrahim, Issa Mir, Ismail — Al Talyani, Fahd Khamis (Abdul Aziz Mohammed), Mubarek Ghanem.

NEWS FROM AFRICA

MALI SHOCK FOR MOROCCO

Mali's elimination of 1986 World Cup finalists Morocco from the qualifying competition for next year's African Nations Cup must rank among the biggest upsets in African football history.

The drought stricken African country won their first round tie on the away goals rule and are now just two matches away from a coveted place in the eight-nation finals in Algeria next March.

Morocco, who reached the last 16 at the World CupFinals in Mexico, paid the price for over confidence against the West African minnows after a goalless draw in the first leg in the Malian capital Bamako.

A goal after 20 minutes of the return at the Harti stadium in Marrakesh by Nader seemed to confirm general concensus that the North Africans would slide through easily to a second round meeting with Ivory Coast. But they soon found themselves in trouble when Koyati pulled a goal back for Mali three minutes before halftime. The cocky decision to include only two seasoned internations — goalkeeper Badou Zaki and Racing Paris midfielder Aziz Bouderbala — backfired on the hosts after the equaliser as Malian goalkeeper Farouta kept out all the Moroccans could offer.

The match ended with the 20,000 strong crowd baying for the blood of Brazilian coach Jaime Valente, recently taken over from compatriot Jose Faria as the Moroccan coach. Mali are unlikely to repeat the giantkilling act on Ivory Coast in the final qualifying round, given the Ivory's solid showing against Angola.

A 2-0 win in the first leg in Luanda was followed up by a 4-1 win in the return in Abidjan. Angola looked to have threatened inroads into the first leg aggregate lead when Asostino scored from a 16th minute penalty, but then two goals from Abdoulaye Traore and one apiece from Sekou Bamba and Amani Yao put the hosts comfortably through. Beaten finalists in Morocco last year, Nigeria had no problem with Guinea, winning the all-zimportant second leg 3-0 in Ibadan against the Syli Stars after a 1-1 draw in the first leg in Conakry.

Guinea's defence showed great character against a first half Eagles onslaught, but buckled in the final minute of the opening period when Friday Ekpe scored.

After the interval, Nigeria were in full flight, coming close on a number of occasions before substitute Adekola hit home a 20-metre freekick and Ekpe put the seal on the victory with a fine individual effort on the final whistle. Nigeria's second round opponents are

From MARK GLEESON

Zimbabwe, who were also in emphatic form against Mauritius. A fine 4-1 away in Port Louis with goals from John Phiri, Friday Phiri, Joseph Machinsura and Stanley Ndun Duma sunk Mauritius' hopes, but the Indian Ocean islanders did well to restrict Zimbabwe to just Machinsura's goal in the second leg in Harare.

Egypt suffered a rare defeat against Ethiopia in the first leg in Addis Addaba but stormed back in the return to go through on a 6-2 goal aggregate in a match overshadowed by the defection of six Ethiopians after the game to the US Embassy in Cairo.

Tekare Zewdi, Solomon Yohannes, Solomon Hela, Alem sesed Anichi, Mulugeeta Kebede and Bikele Brehane all sought refuge at the Embassy after the 6-1 thrashing, claiming political asylum.

On the pitch, Egypt's Gamal Abeel-Hamid returned to international form with a hat trick in the 6-1 second leg. Zaire are Egypt's next opponents, after getting a walkover over ccash-strapped Sierre Leone.

Others through without kicking a ball were Tunisa (their opponents Libya are suspended) and Senegal after Togo pulled out. They meet each other for a place in the finals. Malawi limped through with an unsatisfactory 3-1 aggregate win over tiny Swaziland. A 2-0 away win was enough for the Malawians, but they were expeced to perform far better than the 1-1 tie in the return leg, which has to rank as one of the Swazi's best ever international results. Midfielder Peterkins Kayira was again among the goals for the Malawians and has now netted seven since last October for his country.

Kenya, who are also in Malawi's World Cup qualifying group, stand in the way of a second Nations Cup finals appearance for the central Africans.

The Harambee Stars needed penalties to dispose of Sudan after a 1-1 aggregate tie in their first round clash. Sudan took a one-zgoal lead into the second leg in Nairobi and held out until 72 minutes when Peter Dawo brought the countries back level.

It stayed that way until the penalty shootout when Kenya came through 6-5 with goalkeeper Washington Muhani and defender Petalis Oworo being the local heroes and Mahaji Abdul-Jabar the villian for the visitors.

Heroes

Zambia, Africa's heroes at the Olympic Games last year, had a one sided 4-0 aggregate victory over Mozambique, with Beston Chambeshi scoring in both legs and debutant Kenneth Malitoli getting the other two in the second leg in Lusaka.

They now play Gabon, who continued Ghana's decline in international football with a penalty shootout victory after a 1-1 aggregate draw.

Ghana needed a last minute penalty in the second leg in Accra through Frimpons Manso to force the shootout but then failed from the spot as Gabon won 5-3.

Matchedje of Mozambique and Al Ahly of Egypt in African Champions Cup action.

Just past the halfway stage of a fiercely contested 1989 Tanzania National League Championship, a familiar name heads the table. Young Africans of Dar es Salaam (popularly known as Yanga), who have carried off the Mainland title three times in the last six years, have their noses just in front of the chasing pack. With 10 games left and no fewer than ten clubs still in with a shouting chance, the destination of the title could well remain undecided until the last fixture, repeating the experience of the last three seasons.

Current champions Coastal Union from Tanga and their arch-rivals from the same town, African Sports winners of the last season's Super League last year (played between the three top clubs from Zanzibar and Mainland), have both overcome poor starts.

Despite suffering early exits from African cup competition, both teams are now putting together an impressive sequence of results. Other consistent provincial sides showing up well are Maji Maji of Songea (runners-up in 1985 and 86) and Pamba of Mwanza (runners up in 1984 and 1987). After

Morocco still hope to repeat their great feats of the 1986 World Cup next year in Italy.

From ALLAN ARMSTRONG

coming so close to the title in recent years, they must feel due some fuller reward.

The decline of the other half o Tanzania's 'Old Firm' Simba Sports of Dar es Salaam continues to delight the supporters of Yanga. Despite a championship win in 1984, their perforance in «recent years has been a pale shadow of the side which swept all before it in the 1970's. Like last season, they are hovering dangerously near the relegation one.

Expanded

This season, a National Second Division Championship is being contested on a league basis for the first time and the four sides finishing top will win promotion to a First Division which will be expanded to 20 clubs within the next 3 years.

Poor performances in the international arena by both club and national teams continue to cast gloom over Tanzanian football. And although competition is tight in the National League, low scoring and fairly small crowds for games not involving the big clubs given little hope that a change in fortunes is on the horizon.

SETIF CUP EXIT

Title holders Entente Setif and strong favourites Zamalek were both bundled out of the first round of the African Champions Cup.

Setif, the Algerian second division team who caused a sensation by winning the trophy last year, lost on penalities to minnows Mighty Blackpool of Sierre Leone.

Blackpool had never progressed past the first round before, but held Setif 1-1 on aggregate and then won the resultant shootout.

Zamalek, previous winners of the cup, were thrown out of the tournament by the Confederation of Africa Football and six of their players suspended from international competition for six months. This means internationals Ashraf Qassem, Ahmed Ramzi and Efat Nasser will miss Egypt's upcoming World Cup and Nations Cup qualifiers.

The ban followed captain Ibrahim Youssef's refusal to leave the pitch when sent off in the second leg of the first round tie against Murada of Sudan, with the Sudanese up on the away goals rule.

Equaliser

Zamalek were always going to be in trouble after conceding a goal in the 12th minute of the first leg in Cairo. Striker Ahmed Breish gave the Sudanese a perfect start and they fell back to defend in numbers, conceding an equaliser only after 57 minutes through Abdel-Hamid and a last minute winner by defender Nabil Mahmoud. Murada were leading 10 in the second leg when the game was abandoned.

JAC Port Gentil of Gabonwere not expected to give the professionals of Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) any problems even after winning the first leg at home 1-0. But stout defending in the return kept Sports down to just the aggregate equaliser and JAC then took a surprise victory on post-match penalities, 5-4.

There were narrow scapes fo the fancied AFC Leopards of Kenya, Esperance of Tunisa and Fire Brigade of Mauritius, while Tonnerre Yaounde had the biggest win of the first round — a 5-0 aggregate triumph over Fatima Red Devils of the Central African Republic.

The other first round winners were Mouloudia Oran (Algeria), Nkana Red Devils (Zambia), Djoliba (Mali), Vita Club (Zaire), Express FC (Uganda), Raja Casablanca (Morocco), Inter Club (Congo), Zimbabwe Saints and last year's beaten finalists Iwuanyanwu Nationale of Nigeria.

African Champions' Cup

FIRST ROUND

Fire Brigade (Mauritius) 1 St Louis (Seychelles) 0; St Louis 0 Fire Brigade 1. Fire Brigade won 2-0 on agg.

Nkana Red Devils (Zambia) 4 Botswana Defence Force XI (Botswana) I; Botswana Defence Force I Nkana Red Devils I. Nkana Red Devils won 5-2 on agg.

Mouldoudia d'Oran (Algeria) walkover v Al-Ittihad (Libya) withdrew.

Esperance (Tunisia) 2 Etoile Filante (Burkina Faso) I; Etoile Filante 0 Esperance I. Esperance won 2-0 on agg.

Djoliba (Mali) I Horoya (Guinea) 0. Horoya 0 Djoliba 0. Djoliba won 1-0 on agg.

Entente Setif (Algeria, holders) I Mighty Blackpool 0. Mightly Blackpool I Entente Setif o. 1-1 on agg. Blackpool won 5-3 on pens.

Tonnerre Yaounde (Cameroon) 2 Fatima Diablers Rogue 0. Fatima Diables Rogue 0 Tonnerre Yaounde 3. Tonnerre Yaounde won 5-0 on agg.

Vita Club (Zaire) 4 Mukunswa (Rwanda) 0. Mukunswa I Vita Club 2. Vita Club won 6-I on agg.

Express FC (Uganda) 4 Mbabane Highlanders 0. Mbabane Highlanders «2 Express FC I. Express FC won 5-2 on agg.

Grupo Desportivo Maputo (Mozambique) 2 Zimbabwe Saints (Zimbabwe) 2; Zimbabwe Saints I Grupo Desportivo Maputo I. 3-3 on agg. Zimbabwe Saints won on away goals rule.

Zamalek (Eqypt) 2 Al-Mourada (Sudan) I. Al Mourada I Zamalek 0 (match abandoned). Al-Mourada walkover.

AFC Leopards (Kenya) 0 Inter FC (Burundi) 0. Inter FC I AFC Leopards I. 1-1 on agg. AFC Leopards won on away goals rule.

Raja Casablanca (Morocco) 2 Jeanne d'Arc (Senegal) 0. Jeanne d'Arc I Raja Casablanca 0. Raja Casablanca won 2-1 on agg.

JAC Port-Gentile (Gabon) I Africa Sports (Cote d'Ivoire) 0. Africa Sports I JAC 0. 1-1 on agg. JAC Port Gentil won 5-3 on penalties.

Inter Club (Congo) 2 Petro Atletico (Angola) I. Petro Atletico 2 Inter Club 2. Inter Club won 4-3 on agg.

Iwuanyanwu Nationale (Nigeria) 4 Mighty Barrolle (Liberia) I. Mighty Barrolle 0 Iwuanyanwu Nationale 0. Iwuanyanwu Nationale won 4-1 on agg.

TOP GOALSCORER: Tovo Mozande (Vita Club, Zaire) 4.

THOMAS NKONO . . . Cameroon's World Cup goalkeeper.

LEAGUE LEADERS FROM AROUND AFRICA

Algeria:	Jeunesse Tizi Ouzou
Botswana:	Botswana Defence Force XI
Burkina Faso:	ASFA Yennenga
Cameroon:	Racing Bafoussam
Central African Republic:	Tempete Mocaf
Chad:	Chari Basuirmi
Congo:	Etoile du Congo
Gabon:	USM Libreville
Ivory Coast:	ASEC Abidyan
Kenya:	Kenya Breweries
Liberia:	LPRC Oilers (Champions)
Morocco:	OC Khourigba
Mozambique:	Maxaquene
Nigeria:	Iwuanyanwu Nationale
Reunion:	St Pierre
Senegal:	Diaraf Dakar
South Africa:	Hellenic
Swaziland:	Manzini Wanderers
Toso:	Ifodje Atakpame
Tunisia:	Esperance Tunis (Champions)
Zimbabwe:	Blue Line Aces

African Cup-winners' Cup

FIRST ROUND

Dynamos (Zimbabwe) 0 Banky Fampandrosuo ny Varetra FC (Madagascar) I; Banky Fampandrosuo ny Varetra FC I Dynamos I. BFV FC won 2-1 on agg.

Moneni Pirates (Swaziland) I Power Dynamos (Zambia) I; Power Dynamos 5 Moneni Pirates 0. Power Dynamos won 6-1 on agg.

Coastal Union (Tanzania) 2 Costa do Sol (Mozambique) 3; Costa do Sol 2 Coastal Union 0. Costa do Sol won 5-2 on agg.

Gor Mahia (Kenya) walkover v Nakivubo (Uganda) disqualified.

Etincelles (Rwanda) I Vital'O(Burundi) 0; Vital'O I Etincelles 0 Etincelles won 1-0 on agg.

Usca (Central African Republic) 3 FC Kalamu (Zaire) 3; FC Kalamu 2 USCA 0. FC Kalamu won 5-3 on agg.

Kakande Boke (Guinea) 0 CA Bizerte (Tunisia, holders) 0; CA Bizerte I Kakande Boke 0. CA Bizerte won 1-0 on agg.

Al-Ahly (Libya) withdrew v Al-Merreikh (Sudan) walkover.

Association Sportive des Fonctionnarires dde Bobo (Burking Faso) I Linguere (Senegal) 0; Linguere 2 ASFB I. ASFB won on away goals (2-2 agg).

Diamond Stars (Sierra Leone) 0 Bendel United (Nigeria) 0. Bendel United 2 Diamond Stars 0. Bendel United won 2-0 on agg.

UDIB (Guinea Bissau) disqualified v ASI Abensourou (Ivory Coast) walkover.

Panthere Bangangte (Cameroon) 0 LPRC Oilers (Liberia) 0. LPRC Oilers 2 Panthere Bangangte 1. LPRC Oilers won 2-1 on agg.

Stade Malien (Mali) 3 Club Olympique Transports (Tunisia) 0; CO Transports 0 Stade Malien 0. Stade Malien won 3-0 on agg.

Liberte FC (Niger) 1 Union SK Algiers (Algeria) 0; Union SK Algiers 4 Liberte FC 0. Union SK Algiers won 4-1 on agg.

Union Vesper (Equatorial Guinea) 0 Patronage (Congo) 1; Patronage 2 Union Vesper 0. Patronage won 3-0 on agg.

Vatour Clube Mansounsou (Gabon)1Sagrade Esperance (Angola) 0. Sagrade Esperance 3 Vatour Clube Mansounsou 1. Sagrada Esperance won 3-2 on agg.

ULI HOENESS AND THE POWER GAME

by ARTHUR ROTMILL

Bayern Munich are West Germany's record champions, but the man who contributed more than most to make them the country's most successful club in the 'eighties, is unhappy.

Uli Hoeness, 37, the general manager claims that his authority is limited, because he doesn't sign the cheques — for new players for example. In West Germany the team manager (called trainer) is solely concerned with running the playing squad and he needs to have a licence, which, incidentally, takes five years to get.

A general manager's duties lie rather in the commercial sector, supervising the administration, engaging and dismissing players, negotiating their contracts, as well as hiring team managers. Plus of course all the business affairs and commitments of the club and in Bayern's case this is a multi-million pound organisation.

It is now 10 years since Uli, his active career ended prematurely by a cruel knee injury, has become Bayern's boss. Yet, he moans: "I have as much power here as our groundsman!"

Hoeness, who gained 35 caps, rates as one of West Germany's greats. He was a member of the most successful side who won the World Cup and the European Championship and with Bayern three European Cups.

But despite his undeniable achievements as a player and manager Hoeness has through his business activities acquired more enemies than friends. Many say he is arrogant, ice cold. Others concede he can be good-natured, helpful and well intentioned. Some regard him as an unscrupulous cheque book waver, some as a competent professional.

"Messiah"

There are some who criticise him as the "grave digger" of the Bundesliga, while others still praise him for being ahead of his time in football. Few other personalities in West German soccer are quite as controversial, or judged in such extremes of opinion — a "messiah" to his fans, a lucifer to his opponents.

But despite all the arguments he is clearly the most charismatic personality ammong the Bundesliga managers. His name is always connected with business acumen and success. Uli is thought to be the most powerful man at Bayern. Only he denies it, saying: "I am not allowed to spend the club's money". But he always gets the cheques signed which he has presented to the directors — such as the latest to sign Aston Villa's £1 million Alan McNally.

In the sphere of public contacts he enjoys a free hand, and he knows how to influence the media. He is a marvellous coversationalist and the TV star reporter Dieter Kurten says of him: "A discussion with Uli Hoeness is never boring".

He always has something to say of importance and that is probably why he has alienated a great many people. Like with his idea that the players would forfeit their bonus, while spectators could demand a refund, if Bayern did not beat Stuttgarter Kickers by at least three goals.

For this "novelty" he was derided and insulted from all quarters.

He admits he is very independent in his job like perhaps none other of his professional colleagues, and he always act spontaneously. The successes of Bayern confirm that he is the right man for the job.

When this son of a butcher from Ulm took the reins in Munich the team were languishing in mid-table. Paul Breitner had left, the club had debts of £l million. With Uli Hoeness the glory days returned.

Six Bundesliga championships, three DFB-Cups, plus the German Super Cup have landed in the offices at Sabener-strasse No 5l in Munich. Hoeness brought back his former team manager Udo Lattek and then hired Jupp Heynckes; he sold several ageing stars and engaged young talented players. Reuter, Grahammer, Thon and now Kohler and Schwabl have been tempted to Munich. But the big target remains the European Cup.

Financially Bayern have no problems having just signed a remarkably lucrative sponsorship contract with the Opel car company (controlled by America's General Motors). They will pay Bayern £5 million over three years. It was Uli Hoeness who made this record deal possible through patient negotiations. While the board of directors were apparently happy to sign a brewery as sponsor, Hoeness thought big and came up trumps.

Last year Bayern made a profit of £260,000 from a turnover of £7 million. They pay their players well. Each home point is worth a bonus of £500, an away point £660. For winning the championship the bonus is £l3,000, the cup £l0,000 and the UEFA-zCup another £l0,000. Furthermore, the players are cashing in a percentage income if gates on average exceed 32,000.

Unfortunately, the discord between the manager and directors and the heated discussions over the 15 different firms offering sponsorship, has left some bad blood in the boardroom. Now, Uli has apparently given Bayern an ultimatum: "Either I get greater powers, or I go".

No one doubts in Munich that the board will hang on to the star manager whose name has become synonymous with success.

Unhappy Hoeness.

Young players Jurgen Kohler (left) and Stefan Reuter (above) are replacing veteran stars.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA from ERIC WEIL

FILLOL STILL GOING STRONG

ARGENTINA'S former international and World Cup goalkeeper, Ubaldo Fillo, celebrated 20 years in the first division on May 1 and says he wants to play for at least another season.

Fillol, who will be 39 on July 21, with 542 first division games in Argentina to his credit, made his debut for Quilmes on May 1, 1969 and later played for Racing Club (with whom he is back now), River Plate and Argentinos Juniors in Argentina and Brazil's Flamengo and Spain's Atletico Madrid abroad.

Fillol won the World Cup with Argentina in 1978 and altogether gained 53 caps apart from winning seven league titles with River Plate and the South American Super Cup with Racing Club last year.

Statistics show Fillol as the top goalkeeper in domestic soccer among those with over 300 games in a period of not less than 10 years. Fillol, in 542 games, was beaten 554 times for an average of 1.02 goals per game. Second was former Independiente goalkeeper, Angel Santona who played 342 games between 1962 and 1974 and was beaten 352 times — an average of 1.029 per game.

Goalkeepers who had played between 200 and 300 first division games were headed by Uruguayan Carlos Goyen (currently playing for Argentinos Juniors) with an average of 0.96 (241 goals in 249 games) followed by Jose Marin, Velez Sarsfield's goalkeeper from 1964 to 1971 with an average of 1.05 (234 goals in 222 games).

Cristal clear

PERU: Sporting Cristal won the six-team final round of the Peruvian regional championship to gain a place in next year's Libertadores Cup for the 12th time. Peru's other representative will be the winner of the de-centralized championship due to be played later.

Sporting Cristal, last year's national champions — the title is decided in one match between the winners of the two tournaments at the end of the year — line up eight players of the national team squad while their 21-year-old midfielder, Francesco Manassero, stands out and is destined for stardom.

Earlier, Alianza Lima had won the metropolitan division of the regional tournament only just over a year after 18 of their players died in an air crash on their return to Lima from a league match. This qualified them for a place in the final round together with runners-up Sporting Cristal and third-placed Union Huaral who beat Eastern division winners Union Tarapoto for a place.

Other division winners who automatically gained a final round place were Aurora of Arequipa (south), Alianza Atletico of Sullana (north) and Minas San Vicente of Cerro de Pasco (central).

Da Silva

COLOMBIAN club America's Argentine players, goalkeeper Julio Cesar Falcioni and striker Ricardo Gareca will return to Argentina at the end of the season to play for Velez Sarsfield. It is espected that River Plate's (Argentina) disgruntled Uruguayan midfielder, Jorge da Silva will replace Gareca at America.

Problems for Nacional

URUGUAY: Nacional lead the pre-season Copa Competencia in Uruguay, but they are in financial difficulties and are offering players for sale abroad.

The 1988 Libertadores Cup and Inter-continental Cup winners want to sell midfielders Moran and Ostolaza and wingers Castro and Olivera of their cup winning side.

Penarol, Uruguay's other big club, also have problems. They are fifth, four points behind leaders Nacional and have changed coach for the fourth time in 12 months. Uruguayan Walter Roque, who had been in charge of Bolivia's Oriente Petrolero, replaced Ladislao Mazurkiewicz, their former international goalkeeper.

Gareca

Pele call

BRAZIL: Flamengo, who won the first stage of the Guanabara State (Rio) tournament by beating Vasco da Gama 3-1 on the final day — with outstanding performances from two-goal scorer Bebeto and veteran Zico — are now in third place two points behind second stage leaders Vasco halfway through the second stage.

The winners of the two stages and the club gaining most points in both stages (other than the stage winners) qualify for the final round.

In Sao Paulo, Internacional and Palmeiras top the two sections of the state championship which is past the halfway stage and in which this season an extra point (three) is awarded to a team winning a match by three of more goals.

Hard times

Once famous Santos, eighth in one of the two 11-team groups, have fallen on hard times and were trying to arrange a friendly with Italy's Napoli lining up Diego Maradona while Pele would play, at least for a time, for Santos whose forward line he formerly graced.

After the game, according to club president Miguel Assad Macool Filho, the club intends offering Pele's old No.10 shirt in an international auction, via satellite to raise money. The No. 10 shirt would then no longer be used by the club and would be replaced by the No. 20.

PELE has been named technical adviser — a post specially created for him — to the national team by the Brazilian Sports Confederation (CBD) and he will not be paid.

In his first interview he said Brazil would only be able to win the next World Cup if the players showed "lots and lots of love" for their colours. He also said that players like veteran Zico should still be in the team and that it should not be necessary to call back players with European clubs for this year's South American Championship and World Cup qualifying games.

Pele would always have Zico (above) in his team

Unbeaten America lead the way

AMERICA, of Cali, who won the Colombian professional league five years running from 1982 to 1986, are back in contention although they will lose their Argentine stars, goalkeeper Falcioni and striker Gareca, who are returning home at the end of the season . . . but America have never really been far from the top.

Now America have won the first stage of this year's championship, the Torneo Apertura, going through their last 16 games unbeaten. Atletico Junior of Barranquilla led until two games before the end and then lost 2-1 to Bucamaranga to drop to second place and finally finished third.

Libertadores Cup finalists Nacional of Medellin, who had also been challenging for the lead, only picked up two points from their last five games while they had their minds on their cup campaign and fielded weak teams in league games on occasion to finish sixth — one point below champions Millonarios of Bogota.

The top four teams take percentage bonus points into the end of season final round — 0.50 for America, 0.375 for Union Magdalena, 0.25 for Atletico Junior and 0.125 for Independiente of Medellin — and this will also be the case in the second stage Copa Colombia.

Colombian referee Manuel Castro was suspended for a year by the league's referees committee for allowing a goal which gave Independiente Santa Fe a 1-1 draw against Pereira. Everyone, including TV cameras, saw that a defender had cleared the ball a good five metres in front of the goal line. The referee, making his debut, insisted it was a goal, but it was later found out that he had sight problems since a recent eye operation.

Marangoni

ARGENTINA: Independiente, unbeaten in 10 matches and winning their last eight games by one-goal margins — often unconvincingly — had a decisive seven-point lead over second-placed Boca Juniors with three matches to go . . . even though Boca were awarded the points of a suspended match they were winning 1-0 against San Martin of Tucuman with nine minutes left when their captain, Claudio Marangoni, was felled by a stone.

Most clubs in the championship have shown very erratic form this season with good runs being followed by a string of poor performances. This is the main reason why Independiente, winning several games close to the end and often with luck on their side, have kept ahead with steadier performances.

ECUADOR: Barcelona, of Guayaquil, went through their first 14 matches unbeaten and then lost two in a row, but still led the first division by two points from Nacional of Quito. Meanwhile clubs continue to change their coaches and after 17 of the 42 rounds of the championship seven of the 12 clubs in the first division have already changed their coaches this season.

Often the reason is poor performances, but two of the latest coaches to go were in charge of leading teams — Argentine Jose Omar Reinaldi from leaders Barcelona and Yugoslav Silmo Vilio from third-placed Liga Deportiva Universitaria of Quito, both argued with their directors.

Filanbanco signed Paraguayan coach Silvio Parodi and were accused of signing a spy as Ecuador meet Paraguay in the World Cup later in the year.

VENEZUELA: Mineros of Guyana, topping the Venezuelan professional league with two games to go, have assured themselves of a top-two finish and a place in next year's Libertadores Cup. Pepeganga, the holiday resort island of Margarita, are second and on the point of grabbing the other cup place. Both these fairly new clubs will be 'going international' for the first time.

Uruguay celebrate their 1987 triumph.

Eric Weil previews the 1989 South American Championship

FAVOURITES DEPEND ON 'FOREIGN LEGION'

TRADITIONALLY strong countries such as Argentina, the World Cup holders, hosts Brazil and defending champions Uruguay, will largely rely on their foreign-based stars in this year's South American Championship.

The Copa America will be played in Brazil from July 1 to 16 and the fact that these players will not be available to join their squads until shortly before the championship starts puts a question mark against performance and team work.

It is the same old story: the exodus of star players never seems to cease.

This year the 10 participating countries are divided into two groups in which teams meet each other. The top two of each group will then play a final round — a total of 26 matches in a tournament which Brazilian officials say will cost over two million dollars to stage.

Group A matches will be played in Recife and Salvador with Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela taking part while group B is scheduled for Goiania and Brasilia with the participation of Argentina, Ecuador, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia.

On paper it should be Brazil, Colombia, Argentina and Uruguay for the final round, to be played in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, but . . .

GROUP A

BRAZIL have undoubted home advantage, but maybe not foreign stars. New coach Sebastiao Lazaroni wanted all players with the squad for seven weeks. But it would be impossible to get players released by their European clubs for that long and in any case many of their contracts say that they must be released for World Cup games, but mention nothing about other championships.

Apart from that, Pele has recently been named honorary technical adviser to the national team and has said that it should not be necessary to bring players from abroad for this championship.

He has also said that players such as veteran Zico — who has been playing well in recent Rio (Carioca) league games for Flamengo — should be brought back and he has criticized Lazaroni's tactics. That should not worry Lazaroni. In Brazil coaches are continuously criticized.

Lazaroni has talked about including 13 players currently playing abroad in his squad — such as Romario (PSV Eindhoven), Julio Cesar (Montpellier), Careca (Naples), Renato and Andrade (Roma), Mozer and Valdo (Benfica) and Aloisio (Barcelona). That would cost the Brazilian Sports Confederation (CBF) about a million dollars in fares, insurance and salaries although CBF president, Ricardo Teixeira says that would not worry him as long as Brazil have a chance to win the title.

Meanwhile a squad of 23 home-based players, including five each from Rio de Janeiro's Vasco da Gama and Flamengo, but only one from current national champions Bahia, played a series of four warm-up games against weakish South American opposition — Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru — with only one good performance in beating Peru 4-1, but a week later they were held 1-1 by them. They then flew off to Europe.

The main complaint against Lazaroni is that he lacks international experience and is not bothering to gain any by watching opponents in action. Brazil's current squad of home- based players does not look good enough to win the title, even at home. But with 13 players from abroad it could be a completely different story.

COLOMBIA'S preparations were held up because Medellin club Nacional reached the final of the Libertadores Cup.

Yet Colombia's probable first team may include as many as eight Nacional players and they will be under that club's coach, Francisco Maturana. They are therefore having plenty of opportunities to play together, especially in such a tough competition as the Libertadores Cup. Furthermore, Colombia will call up only one player from abroad, their midfield star Valderrama who plays in France.

Despite Nacional's busy schedule, three warm-up games have been played this year at international level in which Colombia beat Peru, Chile and Argentina 1-0 at home. At the last South American Championship in Argentina in 1987 many considered Colombia the best team after they beat Argentina for third place. In friendly games last year they also looked like the best South Americam team. They must be taken into account this time.

Striker Iguaran is a candidate to finish up as leading scorer while clever Uzurriaga may not be far off. They even have a goalkeeper, Higuita who is good at scoring (from penalties).

PARAGUAY, under Argentine coach Eduardo Lujan Manera, have been playing almost as regularly as a club side. In fact, by May 25 they had played 25 warm-up games in preparation for this tournament although in most of them they have been without players of two of their leading clubs engaged in the Libertadores Cup.

These warm-up games have been against weak opposition — Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, El Salvador, Guatemala and Peru and clubs, mostly away.

The only stronger opposition they met, Brazil, beat them 2-0.

PERU engaged Brazilian coach Pepe — Pele's wing partner at Santos 30 years ago — In April. He expressed immediate disappointment with the lack of speed and fitness as well as poor technique of Peruvian players, but admitted they had creativity, agility and good ball control.

He has been trying out a system varying between 4-4-2 and 4- 3-3. He wanted one strong centre-back and another technical one, flank defenders who were primarily good markers, two strong marking and two creative midfielders and one of two forwards playing as a real winger. After a series of poor warm-up performances, some before Pepe's arrival, Peru did quite well in their last match, holding Brazil 1-1 in Lima.

Pepe has asked for the release of three players with foreign clubs — Julio Cesar Uribe, Jorge Hirano and Franco Navarro, who should improve goal scoring potential.

VENEZUELA, the latest of the South American countries to start pro soccer- in the early 1960s — are still poor relations, but are becoming much more competitive. In three recent warm-up games against Paraguay and Peru they lost by only one goal and drew once.

At the end of April the Venezuelan FA replaced local coach Luis Mendoza with Argentine Carlos Moreno who had been coaching one of the leading local clubs, Tachira, frequent Libertadores Cup participants with more successes abroad than other Venezuelan club.

Still Moreno does not have enough outstanding players to build a strong team, but rivals will no longer be able to take it easy against Venezuela.

GROUP B

ARGENTINA have played only three warm-up games away this year, losing 1-0 in Colombia and drawing with Ecuador and Chile in which they gave unconvincing performances with home- based players. They had no further games scheduled before the championship starts and coach Carlos Bilardo — who took them to the 1986 World Cup — feels that would be of no use.

He has already gained the release of

10 players from abroad — Gabriel Calderon, Jorge Burruchaga, Diego Maradona, Jose Brown, Claudio Caniggia, Oscar Ruggeri, Pedro Troglio, Pedro Pasculli, goalkeeper Nery Pumpido and Gustavo Dezotti — and should be able to line up most of the team which won the World Cup in 1986 (with the notable absence of now retired Jorge Valdano).

The majority will however only assemble in Brazil just before the tournament starts.

URUGUAY, under local coach Washington Tabarez, also had their preparations held up by the three clubs Nacional, Penarol and Danubio engaged in the Libertadores Cup which provided 21 of the 27-man squad of home-based players.

The defending champions drew 1-1 in Italy in April and beat Ecuador 3-1 at home early in May with teams assembled just for the game and when drawing 1-1 in Ecuador just before press time they still looked raw. Tabarez has asked for seven players from abroad — Nelson Gutierrez, Obdulio Trasante, Enzo Francescoli, Pablo Bengoechea, Ruben Paz, Ruben Sosa and Antonio Alzamendi — apart from Paz (who plays in Argentina) he will not have until just before the championship.

But the supply of good players never seems to dry up in little Uruguay. The exciting young, attack-minded Danubio team supplied eight players to the squad and Carlos Aguilera, a leading scorer in the Libertadores Cup for Penarol this season who netted three of four goals in Uruguay's first two games this season, is a man to be watched.

BOLIVIA started their preparations on May 15 after the squad had earlier been disbanded when Argentine coach Jorge Habegger resigned because the clubs would not release players for training.

Habegger also coaches the country's league champions, Bolivar.

Bolivia played their first warm-up match on May 25, beating Paraguay 3-2 at home. Neither team looked like posing a threat in Brazil.

CHILE, losing finalists and the surprise team of the last South American Championship are certainly no push-over. Many people will have seen their lacklustre performances in this year's Rous Cup against England and Scotland but they usually perform better against South American opposition.

ECUADOR are capable of playing good soccer and they have improved this year under Yugoslav coach, Dusan Draskovic. In warm-up games they played Chile (1-0), Brazil (0-1), Argentina (2-2) and Uruguay (1-3 and 1-1 when Uruguay only equalized in the last minute).

They could cause upsets in Brazil.

MARADONA . . . will be available, after all.

URUGUAY travel north to Brazil for the South American championship to defend the oldest major international title in the world game. For the Copa America is 13 years older than the World Cup, and 43 years senior to the 'fledgling' European championship.

It was the product of a meeting in Buenos Aires between officials from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay to found a South American confederation. With only three exceptions the format has involved all matches being played in a few weeks in one host country.

In recent years problems over player release meant countries such as Brazil and Argentina did not field their strongest teams. It was only in 1987 that a determined attempt was made, with sponsorship support, to revive the event's prestige. Argentina, the hosts and captained by Diego Maradona, were favourites. But in the end it was Uruguay who came through to beat Chile in the final despite having star forward Enzo Francescoli sent off in the first half.

Argentina's most memorable years were in the 1950s, culminating in their 1957 success with a team built round an inside-forward trio of Humberto Maschio, Antonio Valentin Angelillo and Omar Sivori. The manner of their victory prompted forecasts of a first Argentine World Cup victory in Sweden the following year. But by then Maschio, Angelillo and Sivori — the so-called Angels With Dirty Faces- had all left for Italy and Argentina's hopes went with them.

In the last finals, in 1987 in Argentina, Uruguay beat Chile 1-0 in a scrappy final in Buenos Aires in which three players were sent off.

WINNERS (official tournaments only) — 1917 Uruguay. 1919 Brazil. 1920 Uruguay. 1921 Argentina. 1922 Brazil. 1923 Uruguay. 1924 Uruguay. 1925 Argentina. 1926 Uruguay. 1927 Argentina. 1929 Argentina. 1937 Argentina. 1939 Peru. 1942 Uruguay. 1947 Argentina. 1949 Brazil. 1953 Paraguay. 1955 Argentina. 1957 Argentina. 1959 Argentina. 1963 Bolivia. 1967 Uruguay. 1975 Peru. 1979 Paraguay. 1983 Uruguay. 1987 Uruguay.

Overall: Uruguay and Argentina 9 each; Brazil 3; Paraguay and Peru 2 each; Bolivia one. AP 26-27

With the World Cup soccer finals in Italy now just a year away, what is the threat to Europe from South America?

Enter Screensport, right on cue with Europe's most comprehensive coverage of the South American championship. The tournament reaches its climax between July 14-16 when the top four countries from two groups play the final round robin. Screensport will be there at each of the six games and will be transmitting the last two live on July 16.

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP/ COPA AMERICA

Hosts: Brazil — Holders: Uruguay

First round

Group A (Venues: Salvador and Recife)

1.7.89	Paraguay v Peru
1.7.89	Brazil v Venezuela
3.7.89	Venezuela v Colombia
3.7.89	Brazil v Peru
5.7.89	Peru v Venezuela
5.7.89	Colombia v Paraguay
7.7.89	Paraguay v Venezuela
7.7.89	Brazil v Colombia
9.7.89	Colombia v Peru
9.7.89	Brazil v Paraguay

Group B (Venues: Goias and Brasilia)

2.7.89	Uruguay v Ecuador
2.7.89	Argentina v Chile
4.7.89	Uruguay v Bolivia
4.7.89	Argentina v Ecuador
6.7.89	Ecuador v Bolivia
6.7.89	Chile v Uruguay
8.7.89	Bolivia v Chile
8.7.89	Uruguay v Argentina
10.7.89	Chile v Ecuador
10.7.89	Argentina v Bolivia

* Top two teams in each group enter mini-league second round.

Second round

(Venues: Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro)

12.7.89	..... v .....
14.7.89	..... v .....
16.7.89	..... v .....

COLOMBIANS TAKE CU
FOR F

Nacional playmaker Leonel Aluarez.

NACIONAL, of Medellin, not only became the first Colombian team to win the Libertadores Cup in its 30th year, but they also became the first club to take the South American club trophy across the Andes.

Nacional, backed by the Colombian armed forces and who traditionally field only Colombian-born players, lost the first leg of the final 2-0 in Asuncion and won by the same score in Bogota a week later.

The tie had to be decided by a penalty shoot-out which Nacional won 5-4.

This was the first time that no third playoff decider was used when the home and away legs were tied on points and goals, according to new rules brought in this year. It was only the second time that the trophy was decided on penalties, the previous occasion being in 1985 when Argentinos Juniors of Argentina beat Colombia's America.

Olimpia deservedly beat Nacional 2-0 in the first leg at home in Asuncion in front of 50,000 fans at the Defensores del Chaco stadium with goals from Rafael Bobadilla after 36 minutes and Vidal Sanabria after 60.

Nacional dominated most of the first half, which made it look as if they might run out easy winners as they had in the semi-final second leg, when they crushed Uruguay's Danubio 6-0. But Olimpia's opening goal — when winger

PACROSS THE ANDES IRST TIME

FROM ERIC WEIL

Mendoza sent in a centre which Amarilla cleverly headed down for Bobadilla to shoot home hard and low — seemed to dampen their spirits.

From then on Olimpia made their presence felt anulling midfielder Leonel Alvarez, Nacional's playmaker in the first half: and controlled the second half without hitting top form.

Sanabria's goal came when he caught keeper Higuita too far out of goal.

Olimpia threatened not to travel to Colombia because, according to their president, Oswaldo Dominguez Dibb, the club had received death threats, by phone and telex, from supposed members of Medellin's drug trafficking gang. (A former major share holder of the Nacional club, Hernan Botero Moreno, is currently in jail in the United States for drug trafficking).

Safety

Dominguez Dibb — who is under suspension for criticism of his soccer authorities — asked the Colombian government for special guarantees for his delegation's safety. These were given by the Colombian foreign ministry, but Colombian soccer officials were sceptical about the threats, feeling it was just an unsporting trick, and asked Dominguez Dibb to present proof — which he never did. It all blew over and Olimpia went.

The second leg was in the El Campin stadium in Bogota, filled to its 50,000 capacity. In the first half, Olimpia, who needed only a draw to take the trophy, played a spoiling game and counter-attacked dangerously through Amarilla and Mendoza. A nervous Nacional, though dominating territorially, lacked penetration and invention in attack.

But a changed Nacional, with Perez replacing Arango, showed more power in attack in the second half and made better use of Usurriaga's speed. He also made the first goal when his centre flew into the net off Paraguayan defender Chamas's legs only 40 seconds after the restart.

This made Olimpia fall back into defence, with eight men most of the time, to keep their aggregate lead. They often used rough tactics and cleared anywhere to keep Nacional at bay. But after 64 minutes, Usurriaga reached a high centre first to head the ball past excellent veteran goalkeeper Almeida. From then on Olimpia just held out, appearing resigned to the penalty shootout.

In the first series of five, Benitez, Chamas, Mendoza and Amarilla scored for Olimpia while Higuita stopped a shot from his opposite number, Almeida. Escobar, Usurriaga, Trellez and Higuita scored for Nacional while Almeida stopped Garcia's shot to leave it at 4-4.

The second series saw Higuita save three shots from Gonzalez, Guasch and Balbuena while Sanabria's shot for Olimpia went wide. Perez and Gomez also shot wide for Nacional, but Alvarez netted the winner.

Goalkeeper Higuita, with four penalty saves, and Usurriaga, who made one goal and scored the other during the 90 minutes, were Nacional's heroes.

1st leg in Asuncion, Paraguay — May 24
OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 2 (Bobadilla, Sanabria)
NACIONAL (Colombia) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Roberto Wright (Brazil). **Att:** 50,000.

Olimpia: Eder Almeida, Fidel Mino, Gustavo Benitez, Herib Chamas, Roberto Krausemann, Vidal Sanabria (Fermin Balbuena), Jorge Guasch, Gustavo Neffa, Rafael Bobadilla, Raul Amarilla, Alfredo Mendoza (Gabriel Gonzalez).

Nacional: Rene Higuita, Gilardo Gomez, Luis Perea, Andres Escober, Leon Villa, (John Carmona), Felipe Perez, Leonel Alvarez, Luis Fajardo, Alex Garcia, Jaime Arango (Niver Arboleda), Albeiro Usurriaga.

2nd leg in Bogota, Colombia — May 31
NACIONAL (Colombia) 2 (Chamas o.g., Usurriaga)
OLIMPIA 0
Aggregate score: 2-2 — Penalty shootout:
Nacional 5 (Escobar, Usurriaga, Trellez, Higuita, Alvarez)
Olimpia 4 (Benitez, Chamas, Mendoza, Amarrila).
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Juan Carlos Loustau (Argentina). **Att:** 50,000.

Nacional: Rene Higuita, John Carmona, Luis Perea, Andres Escobar, Gildardo Gomez, Leonal Alvarez, Alexis Garcia, Luis Fajardo (Niver Arboleda), Jaime Arango (Felipe Perez), Albeiro Usurriaga, John Trellez.

Olimpia: Ever Almeida, Fidel Mino, Gustavo Benitez, Herib Chamas, Roberto Krausemann, Vidal Sanabria, Jorge Guasch, Rafael Bobadilla (Fermin Balbuena), Gustavo Neffa, Raul Amarilla, Alfredo Mendoza.

Usurriaga breaks through again.

ALL-NIGHT celebrations following Nacional's qualification for the final resulted in drunken street fights in Medellin leaving 10 dead and 50 injured — many from shootings and knife wounds — and a riot was feared if Nacional won the final. Fortunately the all-night celebrations on the streets of Bogota, the road back to Medellin (which 35,000 fans took to go to the match) and all over the country were peaceful. The road to Medellin was a cavalcade of tooting cars.

This was Nacional coach Francisco Maturana's last match in charge of the club as a few days later he was due to take over the national team full-time.

Luis Cubilla, the Uruguayan coach, was also in charge of Olimpia when they won the Libertadores Cup in 1979 and one player was in the team then also — goalkeeper Ever Almeida.

The final brought face-to-face the two leading goalkeepers in South America who are well-known for stopping and scoring (from penalties) goals — Almeida and Higuita.

Complaint

Right up to the final, Chile's Colo Colo was still vehemently protesting that Olimpia should not be in the final and that they should be sanctioned for their part in the "arranged" first round group match against co-nationals Sol de America the result of which eliminated the Chilean club from the tournament. They were urging the South American Soccer Federation to pass their complaint on to FIFA.

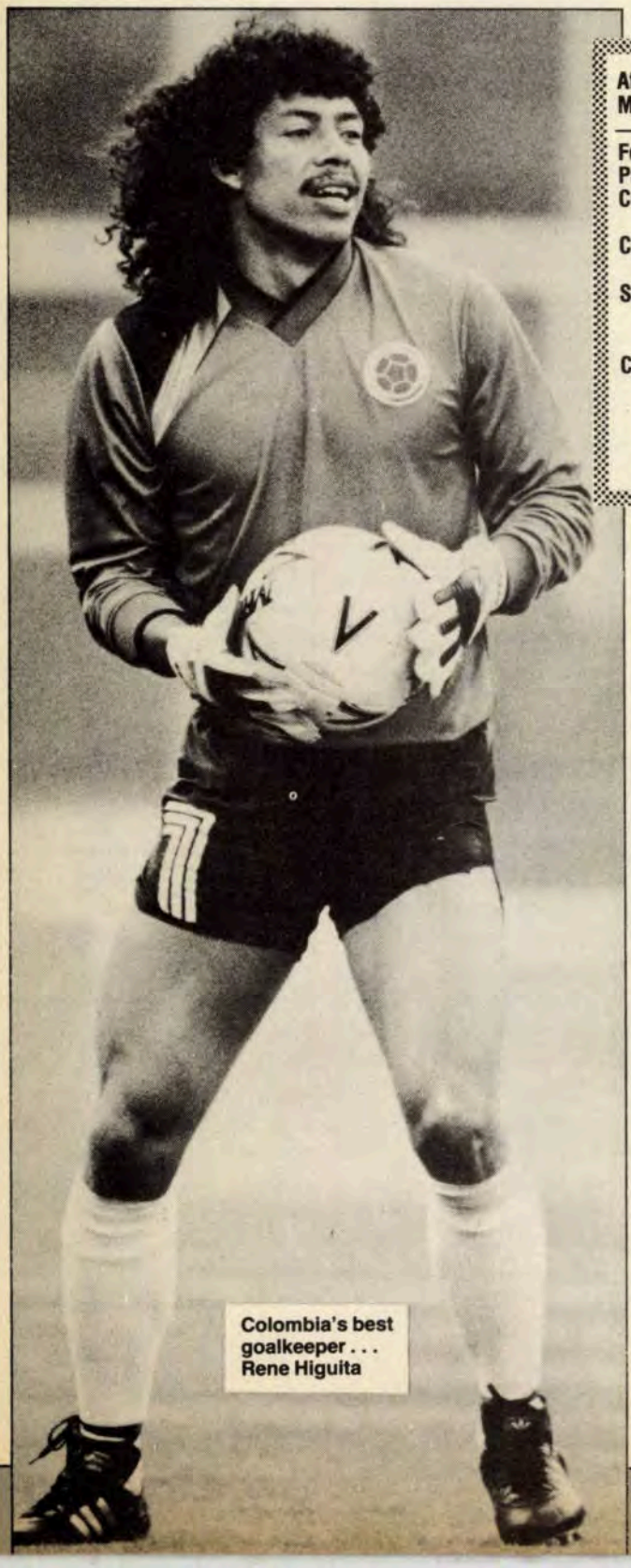
Neither of the finalists had outstanding records. Winners Nacional won six, drew six and lost two of their 14 games with a 21-12 goals record. Olimpia won six, drew two and lost six of 14 games with a 26-23 goals record.

Drug testing was introduced for the first time in Libertadores Cup matches this year- in the semi-finals and final. Samples were flown to Buenos Aires to be tested by the Argentine FA, the only one in South America so far which has the required equipment.

Leading scorers in this year's tournament were: Amarilla (Olimpia) 11, Aguilera (Penarol, Urug.) 10, Uzurriaga (Nacional, Col.) and Comas (Boca Juniors, Arg.) 7, Charles (Bahia, Braz.) 6. (A total of 231 goals were scored in the 91 matches — an average of 2.54 per game.

The Libertadoras Cup has been won 15 times by Argentina, eight by Uruguay, five by Brazil and once each by Paraguay and Colombia. Leading club winners — Independiente (Argentina) 7, Penarol (Uruguay) 5, Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina) and Nacional (Uruguay) 3.

NACIO BEAT THE PO



Colombia's best goalkeeper . . . Rene Higuita

Atletico Nacional de Medellin

Founded:	1938
President:	Sergio Naranjo
Coach:	Francisco Maturana
Club Address:	Cra 76 48, Medellin.
Stadium:	Atanasio Giradot (capacity 35,000)
Colours:	Green and White striped shirts. White shorts. Green socks

The city of Medellin has recently been advertising itself on Colombian television with a slogan Hecho en Medellin, Made in Medellin.

The phrase might well apply to the current South American champions Atletico Nacional as all bar two of Francisco Maturana's squad are from that particular city of Colombia, the capital of the coffee producing region of Antioquia, which is some 550 kilometres to the North West of the capital, Bogota.

The club was founded in the barrio of Manga de Don Pepe in the ATF 1930, and named Union. In the early days of the club, it was very much a poor relation to the other two major Medellin- based sides that took part in the Antioquia State league, so much so that they needed the support of a local industrialist just to remain in business.

To reflect this aid, the club changed its name to Union Indulana. This name remained until 1947 when it was changed to Atletico Municipal. One year later they were founder members of the fledgling Colombian professional league (Dimayor).

Their first year saw Municipal — the name change to the current Atletico Nacional took place in late 1951 — finish a respectable fifth with players such as Humberto 'Turron' Alvarez, thought of as one of the best ever Antioquia-born players ever to appear in the Dimayor, and the club's first professional coach, Rafael Serna.

Serna, also an Antioquian, was also a player and scored the club's first goal in league competition. However 1949 saw the fortunes of the club slide due to a combination of circumstances. While Bogota clubs Santa Fe and particularly Millonarios were able to benefit from the coincidence of the Dimayor's withdrawal from the national federation (and thus from FIFA) and a players strike in Argentina to pick up a host of top quality Argentines for nothing, Nacional were hamstrung by their policy of signing only Antioquian born players.

Thus while Millonarios went onto win three titles, Nacional were consigned as also rans. Strangely though, in 1950, Nacional managed to obtain the coaching services of Argentinian Fernando Paternoster (a World Cup player in 1930) and he is credited with being a major factor in the rebuilding of the clubs fortunes.

Fate also leant a hand, as by 1954 the dispute that had left Colombia outside FIFA had been settled and the top clubs, financially exhausted by their big spending of the early fifties, were unable to hang on to all their stars. At the same time, the league contracted to just nine clubs and Nacional, tired of fielding uncompetitive sides, decided to relax their no foreigners policy.

As a result Paternoster was able to go out and sign two Argentine players Bernasconi and Miotti as well as players from Uruguay and Peru. The key signing however was that of Julio 'Chonto' Gaviria from Santa Fe, who was reckoned to be the best Colombian born goalkeeper of his generation in the Dimayor. Los Verdes (so called for wearing green shorts, in their early professional days) were able to celebrate moving to their current stadium, Atanasio Giradot, by winning the 1954 championship.

Talent

In 1955, Nacional finished as runners-up to local rivals Medellin but by 1957 financial difficulties had caught up with them. After a mediocre 1957 campaign Nacional released the majority of their squad for the 1958 season. In fact the club didn't sign another foreigner until 1962, this in a country with a high level of dependence on foreign talent, until the arrival of a new Uruguayian manager, Jose Labruchelli, heralded the arrival of five Uruguayian players.

The Libertadores Cup was introduced in 1960 but Nacional were not able to enter it until 1971, by virtue of finishing runners-up to Santa Fe in the Dimayor. In that year, and in four subsequent efforts, Nacional failed to qualify for the second round (a sequence ended this year). In 1973, the Dimayor was won again. Two more championships followed in 1976 and 1981 under the managership of Argentinian Osvaldo Zubeldia who phased in a policy of relying on more homegrown talent.

Following Zubeldia's death in January 1982, Nacional were still able to continue their reputation for consistancy without being able to qualify for the Libertadores Cup. Included in their list of coaches at that

NAL VERTY TRAP

CLUB FOCUS on the new South American club champions, from KEITH SMITH in Bogota

time was Luis Cubilla, who guided the team's fortunes during 1983, before returning to Olimpia of Paraguay.

In late 1986, apparently at the suggestion of the outgoing coach, Nacional offered their vacant coaching job to the then coach of Cristal Caldas, a modest side from the city of Manizales 200 kilometres to the south of Medellin, Francisco Maturana.

Maturana had been a defender with Nacional for over a decade and had apparently promised to return to Nacional as coach when he left them as a player. His Caldas side of 1986 had impressed many people with their attractive style of attacking football, based as it was on all Colombian personnal. Maturana accepted the job, with the proviso that Nacional, too, had to be an all Colombian side.

In 1987 the side was still developing, with the introduction of the majority of the current side. While Millonarios were winning the Dimayor, Nacional were surprising the critics who had dismissed the ability of any side to compete for top honours without any foreign players. Finally they missed out on a Libertadores Cup place only when America Cali (managed by Gabriel Ochoa Uribe, Colombia's most successful club coach, and a native of Medellin) won a late season clash in Medellin.

Favourites

Nacional were 1988 favourites to win the Dimayor, but again they fell short at the end of the season, as rumours abounded concerning less than impartial refereeing. It is generally agreed that Nacional have been the outstanding footballing side over the last two seasons, showing an inclination towards attacking football and good technique.

Ironic then that for a key game against Millonarios last year, Maturana chose to defend in depth, and lost 1-0. Their qualification for the Libertadores Cup was assured however and as runners-up their qualification marked the first time that an all Colombian side had qualified for that competition.

This season Nacional have been concentrating on the Libertadores (fielding reserve sides in the early stages of the Dimayor) with its promise of a big financial payday against a top European side at the season's conclusion and the added attraction of lucrative friendlies abroad.

Given the current bleak financial plight of most Colombian sides, despite strongly rumoured links with the drug trade, the victory of Nacional is an appropriate first. Equally appropriate for Nacional has been the discovery of Albeiro Usurriaga, signed after playing for Cucuta last season.

Usurriaga, who unlike almost of his colleagues hails from Cali, scored four goals in a semi-final rout of Danubio.

Manager Maturana

Defender Perea

Defender Escobar

Atletico Nacional

Francisco Maturana (manager)
Aged 40 Born in Choco. Studied Dentistry at the University of Antioquia. Spent over a decade as a player with Nacional which included two Colombian championships in 1973 and 1976. A Colombian international defender, he finished his career with Bucaramanga. After a spell managing modest Cristal Caldas, he was appointed manager for both Nacional and the Colombian national side for 1987 and has since revolutionized the Colombian game with an emphasis on attractive and attacking football.

Rene Higuita (Goalkeeper)
Born August 27, 1966 in Medellin. Possibly the most popular current Colombian player, originally a forward at school he was converted into a goalkeeper when the incumbent 'keeper failed to appear for a game. Likes to venture from his area, as witnessed during the Libertadores second leg game. Previously with Millonarios, he has been a Colombian youth international and is the current automatic international first choice.

Gilardo Gomez (Defender)
Born October 16, 1964 in Segovia. Signed from Millonarios in 1987. An adaptable defender who is one of the eight Nacional players in the international squad for the forthcoming Copa America and World Cup qualifying games.

Andres Escobar (Defender)
An elegant defender, originally a product of Nacional's youth side. He is a current Colombian international and apparently a target for various European clubs. Born March 13, 1967 in Medellin.

Luis Carlos Perea (Defender)
Born December 29, 1968 in Antioquia. Another current international player who impressed in Colombia's recent friendly with Argentina, in Barranquilla. Has represented Antioquia and has played for Nacional's local rivals, Independiente Medellin.

Leon Fernando Villa (Defender)
A much improved defender this season and another player to be called up into the international squad. Born January 12, 1960 in Medellin, he previously played for Independiente.

Luis F. Herrera (Defender)
Born June 12, 1962 in Medellin. One of the best defenders in the Dimayor last season, but his appearances this season have been curtailed while he recovers from a knee injury. A Colombian international who has previously played for Independiente Medellin, Bucaramanga and America Cali.

Felipe Perez (Midfield)
Born January 24, 1967 in Medellin. A former Cristal Caldas player and a youth team international. Scorer of the late goal in Argentina that allowed Nacional to prevail over Racing CLub in an important earlier round Libertadores game.

Luis Fajardo (Midfield)
Another former Cristal Caldas player in the side. Retired three years ago to concentrate on his studies, but was persuaded by Maturana to return in 1987. Born August 1963 in Medellin.

Leonel Alvarez (Midfield)
One of the key factors in Nacional's success this season and expected to be equally important for the national side in their forthcoming matches.

Has represented Antioquia and is another player to have performed for Independiente Medellin. Born July 26, 1965 in Medellin.

Alexis Garcia (Midfield)
Born July 21, 1960 in Medellin. Team captain. A representative of Colombia at both youth and full international level and a very consistent performer. Signed from Cristal Caldas.

Juan Jairo Galeano (Forward)
Born August 12, 1962 in Antioquia. A first team regular and another product of Nacional's youth side. A full international.

Didi Valderrama (Forward)
Another player to have had his season shortened by injury. Capped at both youth and full international level, he has played for Union Magdelena (from the Northern resort town of Santa Marta) and Junior Barranquila before joining Nacional. Born October 1 1960 in Santa Marta.

Jimmy Arango (Forward)
Born January 11, 1962. Formerly with Independiente Medellin and Cristal Caldas, as with practically all the other regulars, he is a full international.

John Jairo Trellez (Forward)
Born April 29, 1968. An automatic selection for the national side, he has been Nacional's most consistant forward in the last couple of seasons. He has also represented Colombia at youth level and is a product of Nacional's youth side.

Albeiro Usurriaga (Forward)
Born June 12, 1966 in Cali. A rangy right sided forward who spent last season with Cucuta, having previously played for Deportivo Cali. He is as yet uncapped.

The Brian Glanville COLUMN

SUSPICI

IS THE ULTIMATE PENALTY

The recent imbroglio over that Naples v Stuttgart UEFA Cup game at the Fuorigrotta may have been smoke without fire, but it showed that UEFA's own myriad inconsistencies over the years, its abject failure to deal with even open and shut cases, has left a sad residue of mistrust and suspicion.

No evidence has been produced at all that the Greek referee, Germanakos, that evening acted in anyting but good faith; whatever the extent of his blunders.

Watching the game on the television, I was struck not only by what struck everybody — the bizarre penalty gained by Diego Maradona when he appeared to handle the ball himself, then drove it at the arm of a German defender — but by a grotesquely absurd free kick Germanakos conceded to Naples on the edge of the Stuttgart penalty box.

It was absolutely obvious that had there been a foul at all, it was against rather than by the defender. The kick was awarded plumb centre, the kind which Maradona usually puts away with casual ease.

erhaps even he felt a little ashamed of the decision, because, you may remember, rather than shoot, he rolled the ball to one side, and a colleague wasted the opportunity. The West Germans didn't help whatever case they might have had by some absurd accusations.

One television station announced that Germanakos had been offered a villa on the coast by Naples.

Under investigation, it turned out that the source of this serious accusation was a TV journalist who had been standing in the dressingroom corridor after the game beside his Italian interpreter, who told him he had heard the story! When VFB Stutgtgart sent a long letter of protest to UEFA, they received a curt and dusty answer.

But the truth is that ever since the appalling Lobi-Solti case, UEFA have simply lost credence. To this very day no one has told us why Hans Bangerter, the long established, recently, and unregrettably, retired secretary should bang off a letter to Juventus absolving them of all blame and thanking them for their co-operation after a farcically brief and superficial "inquest" in Zurich into allegations (subsequently confirmed) that Solti had tried to bribe Lobo to favour Juventus.

Coming closer to the present, look at UEFA's behaviour over the ineffable Dino Viola, president of Roma, who gave two con men £50,000 in the hope of bribing the honest and admirable Vautrot, French referee of Roma-Dundee United in the European Cup semi-finals of 1984. The Italians obsolved him under their fatuous statute of limitations. UEFA slung Roma out of the Cup-winners' Cup, then, on appeal, let them off with a fine. A decision even the Gazzetta dello Sport of Milan described ringingly as "scandalous".

Injuries

UEFA were hardly more impressive over the Groningen-Inter case a few years ago, when Inter were accused of making large offers to Groningen to allow them to qualify in a UEFA Cup tie.

I shall not rehearse the massive inconsistencies in UEFA's behaviour over such events as the mysterious injuries received by a Rapid Vienna player at Celtic Park, confirmed only by Rapid's club doctor and by no independent witness, nor shall I turn back the clock to those repugnant times when Moratti's Inter suborned or tried to suborn one referee after another.

The whole squalid story of how Hungary's Gyorgy Vadas refused them in 1966 withgreat courage, never to referee another major international game, is too well known by now.

But I must salute the continuing courage of the Italian journalist, Oliviero Beha who, with his colleague Roberto Chiodi, accused the Italians of bribing Cameroon, of all people, to let them draw 1-1 in Galicia during the 1982 World Cup. In the event, Italy won the trophy in dazzling, well merited, style, but it took great bravery to come out with such a story immediately after a national triumph of that kind.

Nor is the saga at an end. Beha, who told me recently in Rome he has a statement from the head of the Naples Mafia, the Camora, a certain Zaza (obtained in prison) claiming he performed the bribery with official sanction, is still suing everyone in sight, including Joao Havelange, for libel. In June, no fewer than 19zItalian officials and players were sued for their derogatory remarks about his and Chiodi's investigation,and when I saw Beha in Rome, a phone call from the present president of the Italian F.A. the Southern politician, Mattarese, seemed to suggest officialdom was on the retreat.

Visit

This in sharp contrast to the despicable reaction of the Italian Press when Botsford and I first published our revelations on thezLobo-Solti Case in 1974, when one and all sent up a great cry of "scandalous accusations!"

Talking of accusations, on that visit to Rome, I also spoke to the film, opera and theatre director,Franco Zeffirelli, about the failure of his recent appeal against conviction and a fine (some £20,000) for allegedly libelling Juventus. He wasn't a whit put out, quoting the Customs Officer who recently told him that anti-Juve clubs all over Italy had been playing a £5-a-head whiproud to pay the fine, adding that things were radically improved. The measure of the awful stench of suspicion which has been left behind by these events was given in a letter I received from a reader shortly after the European Cup Final

legal wranglings still go on after bribery allegations following Italy's 1-1 draw with Cameroon

ON

AC Milan's one sided Europen Cup Final win didn't strike me as suspicious — but who knows?

between Milan and Steaua; a one-sided whitewash if ever I saw one. Yet this correspondent was anxiously moved to question the application of Steaus's defence, seeing the first couple of goals as so ludicrously soft as to be suspicious.

As one who was there at the time, I was not struck by any such thought, but again, it shows you that where an official body so badly neglects its moral and surely legal duty, suspicion is the result.

Watching Steve Bull making his extraordinary debut against Scotland at Hampden Park, where he came on as substitute and, quite unperturbed, scored one fine goal,could have scored three, I was led to think about the Big Match Temperament. An old fashioned journalese phrase, but one which still has cogency and currency. The shores of international football are littered with the bones of those who did not have it, who never made the leap from club football to the allegedly highest grade. Bull may not be the equivalent of a Pele,who

soared to renown at the age of 17, with the wonderful goals he scored in the 1958 World Cup, but his performance at Hampden was still remarkable. A Third Division player for over a season, pitched on in the middle of a match, he took it to all with absolute aplomb and poise, simply, one could see, continuing to play as he was wont to play for the Wolves.

That is to say, looking eagerly for the ball and, once he had got it, seeking the shortest route to goal. He made mincement of a Scottish central defence which had had few problems with Fashanu, whom he replaced, and Tony Cottee. He took his goal superbly, a spin and a splendid shot, having sent another drive whizzing just past the post. Leighton stopped him scoring again when he had actually gone past both centre-backs.

Hesitation

Bull is a very down to earth fellow of few airs and graces, something of a throw back to an earlier type of professional. Indeed he reminds me of a pre-Great War Sunderland player of whom Charlie Buchan, star of that great club team, has written; one who, when told he was to play against such and such a player, would simply reply, "Who's such-and-such?" Bull doesn't care, clearly; he just goes out and plays, and good luck to him. In 1934 when the 19-year-old Stanley Matthews, Wizard of Dribble, played his first game for England against Wales, his second against Italy in the bruising Battle of Highbury, Geoffrey Simpson, Sports Columnist of the Daily Mail was ill-advised enough to write that Matthews had "displayed the same faults of slowness and hesitation as he did against Wales. Perhaps he lacks the Big Match Temperament."

Matthews went on playing for England, the most refulgent English player of his epoch,until 1956, when he made mincement out of the renowned Brazilian left-back, Nilton Santos, at Wembley. The great occasion was his inspiration.

Play-offs. Don't you hate 'em? Well, I do, as most purists must, but the crowds seem to love them. Despite my belief that Port Vale were swindled, having finished level on points in Division III with Sheffield United, and far, far ahead of Fulham, I betook myself to Craven Cottage for the second leg play-off against Bristol Rovers.

To say it was a Cup tie atmostphere would not be to say the half of it. Over 10,000, Fulham's best crowd of the season, were present, and they cheered and roared throughout the game. It ended in a farcical 4-0 for Bristol Rovers.

It was, in fact, one of those matches which illustrated perfectly the deep perversity of football, the reason why the Americans, with their prosaic and orderly minds, cannot bear the game, preferring the grinding inevitability of the gridiron code. Fulham had twice almost scored, the Rovers right back kicking off the line, the keeper, Martyn, saving splendidly, when Bristol went up the other end and their centre back headed in a left wing cross. Then Scott of Fulham was sent off, Fulham collapsed, Rovers win 4-0.

Hard, perhaps, to argue against a stratageem which elicits so much excitement and brings in a lot of money; though not much of «that goes to the actual clubs. Yet it still seems a shoddy fraud to me, even if the prospect of eventual play-offs can engender some interest in what would otherwise become a dead season for so many teams.

Reverting to Scotland v England, I sympathised with the local MP for the Hampden Park area, John Moxton, when he demanded that either the games be cancelled, or played, in future, in the midweek evenings. The dim witted Football Association have at last and at least come back to this, after their perfect idiocy in making it a Saturday game last season; and playing into the hands of the ineffable Colin Moynihan.

There were repugnant scenes in Glasgow before the recent game, brought about by the usual influx of English thugs, just as, the previous year the usual invasion of Scottish toughs had brought trouble at Wembley. The only reason this moribund fixture continued to take place is because the FA and the SFA want the gate receipts. So they happily dealt unlucky Wales and Northern Ireland out of the game and manufactured the ridiculous Rous Cup, a squalid memorial to a great administrator, so badly missed today; even if he never could command a bunch of fawning sycophants to put him up for the Nobel Peace Prize.

This season, Argentina refused to play, Uruguay were regarded as unacceptable (I saw them recently in Verona against Italy; gentlemen, they don't kick in a friendly) and Chile came along to bore us all (England helped). Next year, who? Panama? (They'll have to search the team's baggage). Honduras? Leave it out.

Fiasco

We have the folly of our play offs, the Italians, usually more sensible in such matters, have the fiasco of their four-up, four down. This season they have 18 rather than 16 clubs in SerieA, and increased the numbers of promoted and relegated to a massive and ridiculous four.

Since only a handful of clubs have any serious chance of the Championship each year, it means that almost all the rest are inevitably concerned in a desperate battle against relegation almost from the begining. Moreover, look at the latest Italian Serie B and show me even two, let alone four, clubs, which are truly worthy of playing in their First Division.

Bull — few airs and graces

MICHEL

From Graham Turner in Spain

A TRANSFER request from midfield star Michel marred Real Madrid's celebrations of yet another Spanish league title.

Michel stormed from the pitch just before the end of the first half in the decisive 3-0 win over Espanol which clinched matters for Madrid.

Afterwards he blamed his tantrum "20 per cent on my ankle injury, 80 per cent on the fans."

It is a fact that Michel has not been at his best this past season and has felt, for the first time, the brunt of the fans' discontent.

Many blame the arrival of Bernd Schuster and coach Leo Beenhakker's reorganisation of midfield; others suggest merely that Michel's nose was put out of joint by the West German's presence.

Power

Then there is also the impending arrival of John Toshack as Beenhakker's successor.

Madrid's directors did not consider any of these matters a reason to release Michel, who was happy enough last year to sign a six-year contract. He has been told he must stay and knuckle down.

Many see the appointment of Madrid's first British manager in 40 years as a bid to restore order to a dressing room where the players have become too big for their boots.

Player power has reached the extent where radio reporters picked up the voice of skipper Ricardo Gallego, when he raced to the touchline in Bilbao and urged Beenhakker, in no uncertain terms, to take off Schuster. The German was duly substituted.

Such a situation is nothing new at Madrid, going right back to the days of the absolute master of the dressing room, Alfredo Di Stefano. Real's players have often held parallel team talks on their own and accusing fingers have recently been pointed at the club de los cien — a title traditionally reserved for players who top 100 international caps but is used at Madrid to describe the clique (Michel, Sanchis, Hugo Sanchez, Butragueno, Martin Vazquez) whose annual basic salary tops the 100 million mark in pesetas — roughly half a million poudns sterling.

A year ago, during European elimination by PSV Eindhoven Toshack said on a radio programme that "Real will never win the European Cup with that goalkeeper (Buyo) and they need to sort out the centre of defence."

On hearing of Toshack's appointment, Michel said: "If he wants to work here he must rectify those comments."

Michel was aided and abetted by Sanchis while Gallego made pointed comments about Real Madrid "being a very different club from Real Sociedad," and went on to question the validity of Toshack's playing system.

Toshack, who has no plans to meet the players until they report back from holiday later this month, obviously faces a challenging task but is reluctant to accept that Real have taken him on to do some dirty work in the dressing room and play the role of the new broom in a spectacular clean- out.

In the meantime the Welshman is maintaining a dignified low profile in an uncomfortable situation where he is coach of Madrid but does not start work untul July 1.

He says: "My priority is to say an absolute minumum to the media so that Leo can get on with his job during the crucial final phase of the season. I've asked him to give me the league title as a present so that we can have another crack at the European Cup next season but my immediate priorities are just to look the team over and plan a good pre-season."

President

Toshack's adrupt adios to Real Socidad with eight league games remaining raised eyebrows and few hackles in the Basque country.

Toshack says: "I was disappointed some people turned against me because it was something the Sociedad president, Senor Inaki Alkiza, suggested to me. I had recommended the appointment of my assistant, Marco Boronat, as coach for next season and these final matches give him a good chance to ease himself into the hot seat in the dug out — something he is not yet familiar with.

"At the same time it gave me a chance to look at Real Madrid, find somewhere to live, spend time with my family and have a bit of break. I've had four seasons of hard work at Real Sociedad. In the last three years we've played 36 cup matches, including two finals and we've had a long UEFA Cup run this year. I need a rest if I'm to do justice to the job at Madrid."

While Beenhakker bowed out with a third league title — and a place in the cup final, too — other managers were finding that tension is not endemic to life at the top. At the bottom no-one contemplates a stay of three years.

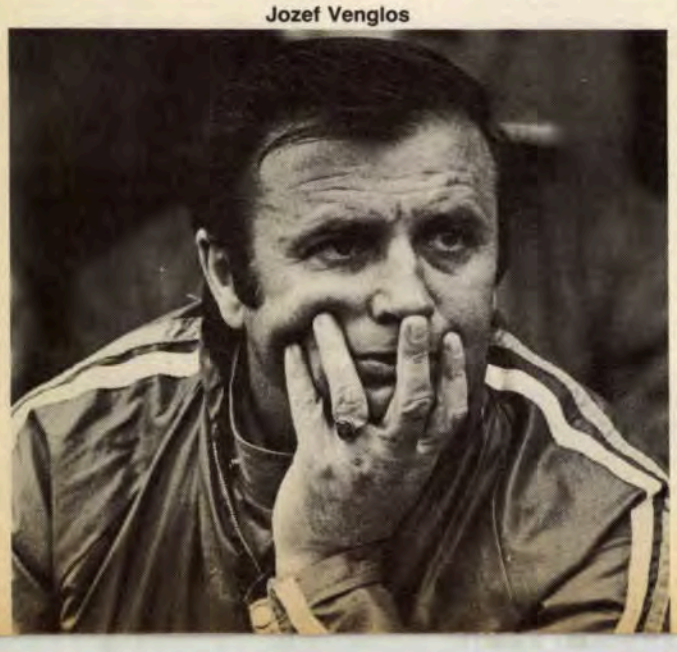
A late casualty was Paraguayan Cayetano Re. The former Paraguay World Cup boss was dismissed by relegation-haunted Betis after a goalkeeping error by Trujillo gave Atletico Madrid a 1-0 victory in Seville. Ironically Betis had also sacked the first manager of the season, Eusebio Rios, after a 6-2 thrashing by Atletico at the end of November. Club stalwart Pedro Buenaventura had taken over as caretaker before Re's arrival. Re's departure meant that ten of Spain's first division clubs had made a total of

---

CZECHOSLOVAKIA by BOB VAUGHAN

Slovan get a new taste of the glory days

Jozef Venglos



OLD name is back in soccer circulation in Czechoslovakia: Slovan Bratislava who ended a lean decade by winning both the Slovak and then the Czechoslovak cups.

A weakish squad had looked likely to struggle, but sixth place in the league and the cup successes mean a return to the Cup-winners Cup (which they won in 1969) which could not have been expected.

Slavia have again missed out, which will not help gates in the south of Prague, but Bohemians can breathe again after relegation by disciplinary order appeared on the cards. Inquiries into payment irregularities continue but at least top flight status has been maintained for the present.

Dukla Praha will miss out on Europe, but consolation is Luhovys goal-grabbing success and he leads the leagues marksmen with a total of 25. Injury, however, denied him the chance to help Czechoslovakia to the all-important 1-0 World Cup victory over Switzerland in Bern. Tomas Skuhravy was the hero of the hour.

Manager Josef Venglos had slightly varied things from the team which had narrowly failed away to Belgium. This time Chovanec was in midfield (until substituted by Nemecek) in front of the solid back four which helped bring in the points.

That victory should have given particular satisfaction to the meticuloius Slovak manager as it was achieved without the injured Vitkovice defender Vlk as well as Luhovy. Czechoslovkia now head for the autumn games hoping that Belgium give them a helping hand by beating Portugal. Then Venglos and Co would need only to win at home to the Portuguese and the Swiss to be sure of second place.

Czechoslovakia have rarely failed in competitive games in Bratislava, so the chances look good. On the other hand, Griga will have to find his shooting boots. The Sparta striker failed to worry the Swiss and his absence from the top five marksmen in the league was one reason why Sparta suddenly found Banik Ostrava had pulled their top-of-the-table advantage back to one point.

Career

Griga is full-time professional but also a lawyer who first made his name with 16 goals in 27 goals for the under-21s. A Slovak, from Zilina, he began his career with the local second division side, ZVL, before moving at 19 to study at the Charles University in Prague.

Seven seasons on the Letna with Sparta have seen Griga develop into the Czechoslovak Gerd Muller but national service and the obligatory spell with Dukla may partly account for his current slump.

Still, his four goals against Dunajska Streda which took him into the 100 Club were proof of his potential. He scored only 13 goals in the 1987-88 league campaign but two goals against Austia in a Graz friendly augurs well for the autumn World Cup showdowns.

STAYS, say Real

27 managerial changes during the season.

Espanol, who have spent the entire season fighting for survival, appointed veteran aide Pepe Mauri after the sacking of Javier Clemente but the players soon complained that Mauri's methods were outdated and that tactically he "didn't know what time of day it was."

System

The players, led by veteran striker Pichi Alonso and former fullback Raul Longhi, began to hold their own tean talks and, after a polite interval of ten minutes obeying Mauri's instructions on the pitch, switched to their own system.

When Mauri was rushed into hospital to have kidney stones removed, the players sensed their moment had come. They scored an important 1-0 win at Oviedo and convinced the board that Mauri had to go.

However, since neither Alonso nor Longhi have the right qualifications to coach in the first division, nursery team coach Garcia Andoin was summoned from the Hospitalet backwaters. That left Espanol bidding to avoid the drop with three coaches on the bench — a ploy which could do much to solve the unemploymemt problem among Spanish managers.

***Right*: Real Madrid's unsettled midfield star, Michel**

ITALY

STARS IN HOOLIGAN STRIKE THREAT

THE Italian players' union is ready to call a strike in protest at escalating levels of domestic hooliganism and violence among fans.

In the latest incidents, four Fiorentina fans were arrested after a firebomb attack on Bologna fans, arriving by train for a league match in Florence. Around 20 people were hurt by the attack which left a two supporters, one a 14-year-old boy, in intensive care in hospital.

The violence occured two weeks after an 18-year-old Roma fan died of heart failure when a gang of youths set on him at San Siro before a league against Milan.

After an emergency meeting of club captains of first division teams, Bologna veteran Eraldo Pecci said: "We must be ready to halt the league programme if the behaviour of fans does not improve. We must make a stand of our own to stand up for the right of the real fans to go to a stadium to take part in a football match, not a war." A problem for the police is that much of the violence occurs not inside stadia but in much less easily-controlled areas such as streets and railway stations. As TV sports commentator Sandro Ciotti said: "This is a bad omen for the World Cup . . . "

BULGARIA by BOB VAUGHAN

Sredets treble is Bulgarian consolation

THE LAST nail in the Bulgarian World Cup coffin was the 1-0 defeat by Rumania in Bucharest in front of a poor crowd. Clearly the Rumanians are saving their lei and bani for the showdown against Denmark in the autumn.

Thus the Bulgarian football success story is that of CFKA Sredets who won the championship by a street and have also seen off all-comers in the national cup and the Soviet Army Cup.

In the national cup, second division Chernomorets were no match for league champins Sredets in the final but have the compensation of a place in the Cup-winners Cup. A 15,000 crowd saw the first final in which a first division side had met second division opposition and, until an error just before half-time, Chernomorets stuck to their task well.

Kostadinov took advantage of this blunder to shoot Sredets ahead and Stoichkov (50) and Tanev (58) turned the screw so that it was all over within an hours play.

For their Soviet Army Cup triumph, Sredets had to beat third division Maritsa Iztok — which they did easily, by 6-1. A first-minute Stoichkov penalty set Sredets well on the way and Gheorgiev scored four times.

Now, will the third division side be allowed by UEFA to compete in the UEFA Cup, which has traditionally been the haven for the winners of the Soviet Army Cup? Witj Vitosha having finished second in the league and Chernomorets well-place for promotion back to the first division, Maritsa-Iztok might be sensible to concentrate their dreams and hopes on the league.

Holidays

Hepar lead the second division and have a slighty better goal difference than Sredets so most things, like, alas World Cup qualification, appear wrapped up.

For the players the holidays will be short since pre-season training begins in July 3 with the league getting back under way on August 12.

Not that everyone will still be around. The exodus is growing, with 13 European and African countries said to be awaiting the lucky holders of footballing exit visas. Tanev is set to join the Bulgarian colony in Portugal by signing for Chaves, who already have Slavkov but are losing Radi Zdravkov to Braga.

Czechoslovakia's Griga holds on to Hermann of Switzerland in Berne. It was a poor performance by the Swiss.

HOLLAND by SIMON KUPER

BOEREBACH STEPS IN FOR KOEMAN

PSV Eindhoven have signed Michel Boerebach as their new Ronald Koeman. Boerebach, of Roda Kerkrade, will replace Koeman as PSV's libero.

At 25, Boerebach has been one of Holland's most talented young players for years, but until PSV stepped in he seemed doomed to spend his entire career with second-rate clubs.

It is clear that Boerebach is the right player to replace Koeman, if only because the two men have so much in common. They even look alike, with their white hair and their Dutch farmlad faces. Both players constantly go forward from defence, start most of their teams' attacks, and often finish them off with devastating long-range drivers — Koeman shoots harder than anyone in Holland, while Boerebach is a good second.

Sweeper

PSV paid 300,000 for Boerebach, which is undoubtedly a bargain fee for a player of his calibre. However, the club must be kicking themselves that they have had to sign another libero at all. Only this winter they bought the Czech sweeper Josef Chovanec to replace Koeman. It seemed a good idea at the time: Chovanec is a star in Czechoslovakia. By now, though, PSV seem to have decided that Chovanec cannot play libero in their attacking system. His success in Czechoslovakia came as a defensive sweeper rather than as a libero. So just months after bringing him to Holland, PSV are trying to sell Chovanec to Italy.

If Chovanec goes, it would allow PSV to sign another foreigner. At the moment, with Chovanec and the Brazilian Romario, they have the maximum number permitted, which means that they can only sign Dutch players. Dutch internationals are inaffordable even for PSV, so the club has to settle for the best club players, men like Boerebach — and this class of footballer generally proves unable to meet the high international standards that PSV demands. Over the last two years PSV have signed several talented, uncapped young Dutch players, but not one of them has won a regular place in the side. Because of this problem, PSV will probably fail to maintain their new position in the European elite.

Ajax look set to return to the elite. Next season, for the first time in four years, they start as favourites to win the Dutch championship. Leo Beenhakker is returning to Ajax as the club's new technical director, and right-back Sonny Silooy is also coming back to Amsterdam after two disastrous years with Matra Racing de Paris. Beenhakker and Silooy will find a young, very talented side, and a club with lots of money, a winning combination.

Outside-left Rob Witschge is leaving Ajax for St-Etienne precisely because he realises how talented some of his teammates are. Bryan Roy, 19, has taken his spot in the team, and Witschge accepts that he will never again win back his place — Roy is simply too good. Despite his extreme youth, Roy is already a member of the Dutch squad: he sat on the bench during the recent home international against West Germany, and he should soon make his debut.

St-Etienne have paid 700,000 for the 22-year-old Witschge. Many people in Holland believe that Witschge has chosen the wrong country: recently Dutch players in France have been complaining that their French teammates have no footballing ability, enthusiasm or tactical understanding.

Groningen's Rene Eykelkamp has decided to join a Dutch club, despite receiving offers from abroad. The 25-year-old winger has signed for Feyenoord Rotterdam. Eykelkamp played a heroic role in Holland's World Cup qualifying match against West Germany in April. He came on as a substitute with just 15 minutes to go, and set up Marco van Basten's equaliser three minutes before time. It was Eykelkamp's third appearance in an international.

Feyenoord regard the gifted Eykelkamp as their most important signing for next season. Yet however good he may be, he does not look in the slightest bit like a footballer. Eykelkamp is enormously tall, with spindly, awkward legs, and one of his feet is larger than the other. As it happens, Eykelkamp is a very close friend of Michel Boerebach's.

Josef Chovanec (far right) hasn't quite filled the boots of Koeman (right).

SWITZERLAND by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Swiss miss chance

Like a drowning man clutching at straws — that was one description of the Swiss national side before it tackled Czechoslovakia in Berne.

This was yet another of Switzerland's "last chance" games, it went the same way as others ended in recent years. The 1-0 defeat put them out of contention in this World Cup qualifying group. Thus, the remaining series of matches will be no more than "friendlies" of only academic importance.

New team manager, the former West German international Uli Stielike, who took over on July 1, has a mountainous task. Swiss football currently doesn't produce class players and this is demonstrated by the relatively poor standard of club soccer at league level.

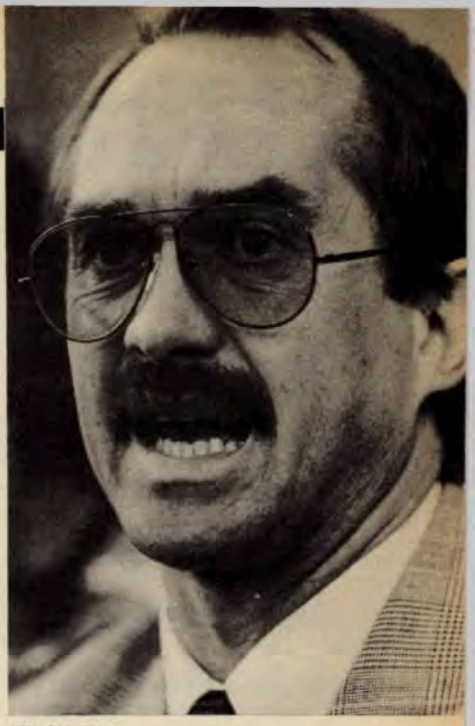
The probably decisive match in the championship, Lucerne v Grasshoppers, did attract 23,000 spectators (a ground record) which serves only to underline the parochial tendencies prevalent in this country. The national side would be lucky to draw such an attendance.

Schener

At least Lucerne and the Hoppers produced some fine football in the second half. Supported by a fanatical crowd Lucerne were driven forward by their dynamic German midfielder Jurgen Mohr and eight minutes from time they fired the winning goal. Schemer Martin Muller (32), usually overshadowed by his more illustrious colleagues, took advantage of a loose ball and scored. There was an element of luck in the result, for the Hoppers twice hit the post.

But the Zurich outfit gained some consolation when they won the Cup for the 16th time by beating Aarau 2-1. Some 27,000 fans saw the match in Berne which Grasshoppers dominated for the greater part.

It was to begin with, a disappointing encounter which the favourites seem to have "walked", after their international striker Andy Halter scored twice. But a goal by Aarau's Dutch international centre forward Rene Van der Giijp early in the second half suddenly brought life into the proceedings; the Hoppers survived the pressure and deservedly took the trophy.



Uli Stielike

AUSTRIA by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Happel tastes double success at Tirol

FC TIROL, have proudly won the coveted 'double' — for the third time. They triumphed previously in 1973 and 1975, under the name Tirol Svarovski Innsbruck.

The man chiefly responsible for this new chapter of glory is the perhaps most famous modern day Austrian coach Ernst Happel, who has managed all over Europe, but these are his first titles in his mative land.

A marvellous series of 19 games without defeat between 8th October 1988 and 2nd May '89 (in-between there was a three-month break), was only interrupted by the 0-2 setback at the hands of Admira/Wacker in the first leg of the cup final.

But the Tyroleans swiftly took revenge in the return trouncing the Viennese by 6-2. It was one of the best club matches seen in Austria for years. 17,000 fans in a full Tivoli stadium saw Admira take the lead through their international striker Rodax, but afterwards only Tirol dictated the game.

Their speed, pressing and technical skill proved in the end too much for Admira. Pacult equalised with a penalty for a foul on the outstanding German Hansi Muller, the fast forward Westerhaler scored twice and when the young schemer Hortnagl got another, the Viennese lost their nerve. The German Schaub and team mate Artner were sent off, together with the Tirol star Garger. Then Muller and Peischl added the goals for the homesters with Gruber replying, to this superlative festival of attacking football.

Tirol's striker Peter Pacult 29, who also hit a hat-trick inside fifteen minutes in the 4-1 win over Grazer AK, is now being pursued by clubs abroad. West Germany's St. Paul Hamburg are supposed to have made an offer already. It is no secret that Pacult, who was formerly with Rapid, would like to play in the Bundesliga.

Team chief Happel disclosed that he wouldn't stand in his way if he were to move across the border, to further his career.

RUMANIA by BOB VAUGHAN

STEAUA MAKE AMENDS FOR CUP BEATING

STEAUA won the league championship as consolation for their Champions Cup thrashing at the hands of Milan in Barcelona. Dinamo, of course, finished and with Victoria pushing for third there was not a lot to maintain fans interest at the top of the table over the closing weeks of the season.

Even the national team are proceeding smoothly towards Italy with only Denmark likely to upset their passage. Even then the decider is in Bucharest so a draw in Copenhagen should be sufficient to open up the road to Rome.

Favourite

Leading the attacking effort in Italy should be Mateut of Dinamo, who brought his career goals total up to 99 with two away to Sibiu. That was also his 39th and 40th in the league this past season, which made him favourite for the Golden Boot. Impressively, only one goal was a penalty.

SOVIET UNION by BOB VAUGHAN

Unlucky 13

IT WAS unlucky 13 for Spartak when they visited Dnepr. The hosts soaked up all the league leaders first-half pressure and hit back with some swift counter attacks in the second half.

One such flying raid ended in Bagmut being tripped by Pasulko and Chakhov converted the penalty.

Spot-kick decisions were nothing like as clear-cut however in Moscow, where Kiev Dynamo twice felt the rough end of the stick away to Torpedo. Rudakov converted both penalties awarded to Spartak while Kiev were refused what seemed a valid claim for a spot kick of their own when Litovchenko appeared to have been tripped.

Later the Lithuanian referee, Miliauskas, said that he would have awarded Kiev a penalty had not Litovchenko dived so blatantly.

SWEDEN from PENTTI HIETANEN

Substitute Nicky on top of the world

SWEDEN celebrated an unexpected match-winner in their World Cup qualifier against Poland when substitute Nicklas Larsson provided the 2-1 clincher only seconds before the final whistle.

For Larsson it was a weekend to remember as he became a father the following day. The 22-year-old has made rapid progress because last year he could not even command a regular place for his club, Malmo.

"This goal will live with me for the rest of my life," said the versatile youngster who can play both in midfield and at fullback.

As expected, Malmo are again controlling the league. But they have a major headache trying to ward off bids for their talented young players from professional clubs abroad.

Malmo did sell skipper Roger Ljung to Young Boys of Switzerland. But they have declared other stars such as Jonas Thern, Joakim Nilsson and Martin Dahlin cannot leave during the season.

Critics

Manager Roy Hodgson says: "If we say we are not selling our star players, we are accused of being immoral. But if we sell a couple of stars and then buy players from other Swedish clubs to replace them, the same critics again call us immoral. It seems we can't do anything right." IFK Gothenburg thought long and hard about the idea of bringing back Dan Corneliusson, from Italy's Como. At the moment IFK consider the price too high, but that could change once the Italian summer transfer market gets under way.

The World Cup victory apart, it's been a strange time for national manager Olle Nordin. An experimental side beat Algeria 2-0 in a friendly with goals from IFK's Klas Ingesson, the one-time lumberjack. Ingesson, nicknamed Turbo, has already drawn spioes from West Germany's Bayer Leverkusen.

Also vying for a place in the national team is Halmstad's young Stefan Lindqvist. He may get his chance earlier than expected after Sweden's up-and-down displays in the Copenhagen triangular tournament organised to celebrate the centenary of the Danish federation.

First Sweden crashed 6-0 to their Danish hosts -despite the presence of the likes of Hysen, Stromberg and Prytz in the teams then they recovered to a run up a 2-1 victory over Brazil. Stefan Rehn and Ljung (penalty) scored the goals.

ITALY from JANE NOTTAGE

COACH Arrigo Sacchi (left) with Milan's three European Cup-winning captains. From left: Cesare Maldini (1963), Gianni Rivera (1969) and Franco Baresi (1989). Below: Paolo Maldini.

Maldini wins dynasty game

ONE MAN in the stands in Barcelona, on the day Milan thrashed Steaua Bucharest 4-0 in the Champions' Cup Final, had unique reasons for celebrating.

No doubt, as Milan ran their lap of honour, so Cesare Maldini thought back to May 22, 1963, when Milan beat Benfica 2-1 at Wembley. Then, as now in Barcelona, Milan wore their all-white change strip. Then as now, they were acclaimed champions of Europe.

Yesterday's captain was Cesare Maldini; today's hero is Paolo Maldini, his son, and Milan's left back. Winning the most prestigious of Europe's club prizes was the culmination of a great year for Paolo. And he was only too happy to acknowledge the importance of the example of a father who had raised that same trophy in triumph 26 years earlier.

Young Maldini says: "My father taught me everything. From the moment I saw a picture of him holding up the European Cup I wanted to copy his success." But trying to tread that same path was far from easy. As Maldini senior says: "Quite the reverse. I was tougher in Paolo. I didn't want the others, when I was coaching the kids at Milan after I retired, to think he would get any special favours.

"But he has great qualities, both technical and physical.

Respect

"After last year's spate of injuries I think he has now matured physically to cope with the demands of the game." The respect is mutual and genuine. Paolo says: "My father has been a greart help to me in coping with all the pressures of the game. A lot of kids my age do not want to sacrifice the night life for training and fitness sessions.

"But I was lucky. Because I had grown up in a football environment it all came quite naturally. My father's example kept my feet on the ground." Paolo has now won the Italian championship and European Champions' Cup with Milan. He is a fixture in the Italian national team. Yet he is still only 21 and there is plenty more to win such as the World Club Cup, the European Supercup and, of course, the World Cup itself. Whether Italy will win on home ground next year is an open question. But it seems almost certain that Milan's present team will win the Champions' Cup a few more times before Arrigo Sacchi has to break it all up and start again.

Thrilling news for Milan's fans after the Barcelona triumph was that Dutch stars Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten had agreed to extend their contracts to 1993. That should scotch, once and for all, talk of Van Basten being reunited with Johan Cruyff, his old Ajax boss, at Barcelona.

The city of Milan is probably Europe's football capital at the moment since Internazionale had long since sewn up the Italian league title. Their delight could not be shaken by a surprise 2-0 defeat by struggling Torino just before the end of term.

Napoli, meanwhile, fell away after winning the UEFA Cup and once again the prospect was raised of a summer departure for coach Ottavio Bianchi. Whoever steps into his shoes, if he does go, will expect to stay only a year. Carlos Bilardo, Argentina's World Cup boss, is apparently ready to take over at a European club for the first time after next year's World Cup finals.

GREECE from LOUIS ECONOMOPOULOS

Koskotas hits out at new Olympiakos chief

RUNAWAY banker George Koskotas, former president of Olympiakos, has claimed from jail in the United States that he escaped from Greece last November with the help of Argyris Saliarelis, the current president of the Piraeus giants. He said Saliarelis threatened to throw him overboard his private yacht unless he signed over control of Olympiakos and the Athens daily newspaper, Vradyni. Koskotas said Saliarelis got what he wanted and then lent him his private jet to fly from Greece with the fraud squad in hot pursuit.

Koskotas, controversial banker-publisher, is awaiting extradition proceedings in the US. He has been charged with embezzling £130 million from the privately-owned Bank of Crete in what has been described as the the biggest financial scandal ever to upset Greek business and political life.

Saliarelis, who was held in jail in November in charges of having helped Kosktas escaped and who was allowed out on bail three months ago, has denied any dealings with Koskotas.

Saliarelis claims his pilots stole his plane after being bribed by Koskotas.

While the controversy over

DENMARK from JIM HOLDEN

NEW-LOOK LAUDRUP INSPIRES DANISH REVIVAL

MICHAEL LAUDRUP was the hero of Denmark after a dramatic revival by the national team which carried off the DBU's centenary tournament in remarkably style. Laudrup, already a multi-millionaire at mere 24, is now making a tactical transition which could secure his place as his country's greatest-ever player. On top of that, he is bracing himself for the new challenge just around the corner, if his transfer from Juventus to Barcelona is confirmed.

In his eight years in the game, Laudrup has always been considered a support striker. Now he is being transformed into an attacking play-maker, after the manner of Maradona and Platini.

He was a revelation in the 1-1 draw against England in Copenhagen at the start of a series of games organised to celebrate the anniversary of one of the founding federations of Europe. Laudrup's natural talent and close skill was still apparent more than once he left Bryan Robson in his wake. On one occasion, Laudrup's feint persuaded Robson to jump for a chip. Before Robson had landed Laudrup had taken the ball with his feet and was past him and weighing up the next set of options.

But that game was only the start. Next came the Swedes, for the first match of the Copenhagen event.

Denmark were not quite at full strength but Sweden were which is what made their 6-0 thrashing all the more astonishing. This was Denmark's biggest win over Sweden since 8-0 and 10-0 victories in 1913 and it was Sweden's biggest defeat since 1954, when they crashed 7-0 to the Soviet Union in Norway. Laudrup was the hero, creating two goals and scoring No 6 himself.

This was just like the Danish Dynamite the Roligan fans remembered from a few years back.

The following match, a 4-0 defeat of Brazil, underlined both that Denmark were back in form and that Laudrup had suddenly grown up. Morten Olsen, playing his 102nd and last international, shot Denmark ahead from the penalty spot after a trip by Brazil keeper Acacio on Brian Laudrup, Michael's younger brother.

But it was Michael who regained the family share of the limelight in the second half. In the 54th minute he shot home after a goalmouth scramble then, eight minutes later, easily glanced home a near-post header to Flemming Povlsen's right-wing cross. Inevitably, five minutes later, it was Laudrup who caught the Brazil defence wide open to organise the counter-attack which ended in Lars Olsen shooting goal No 4.

During the Dynamite Days of the mid-1980s it had been feared, on those days when Laudrup would disappear from matches, that his great potential would never be fulfilled.

Now his critics are thinking again. Now, when he floats to the wings it is merely a tactical device to draw the marker, demand the ball, and surge into the midfield gaps.

Under Laudrup's direction, the fluidity is returning to Denmark's play. They picked countless holes in the defences of England, Sweden and Brazil (in the manner of the 7-1 World Cup win over Greece in May) with their one-touch passes and intelligent running.

Praise for the reborn Laudrup was swift in coming from sweeper and skipper Lars Olsen. He says: "Michael can create goals from nothing. He has always been an important member of our team. Now, with this new role in midfield, he is vital." The younger Laudrup is also becoming established as a national first-teamer as he prepares to complete an £800,000 transfer from Brondby to Bayer Uerdingen of West Germany for a Danish record fee.

Brian Laudrup scored in the 2-0 World Cup victory in Bulgaria which turned Danish soccer around after the bitter disappointment of last year's failure in the finals of the European championship. No longer are there any fears of the decisive World Cup-tie against Rumania in October. Lars Olsen says: "This is a match we must win to qualify for Italy and the World Cup finals. A few months ago we were written off but now there is great hope in our game. We know we are improving every time we play. It takes time for a new team to settle down but now we have regained our old confidence." Lars Olsen, no relation to Morten Olsen, sweeps forward from defence at every opportunity as he showed to goalscoring effect in the 4-0 win over Brazil. It was also Lars Olsen whose right-wing run set up Lars Elstrup's goal in the 1-1 draw against England.

He plays for champions Brondby (who recently beat Ikast 6-3 in the cup final, after extra time) but would like a transfer abroad at some stage.

Keeper Peter Schmeichel and fellow defender Kent Nielsen also play for Brondby. Fullback Henrik Risom, who made an impressive debut against England, plays for Vejle and midfielder John Helt for Lyngby. Elstrup is with OB of Odense.

Perhaps the most surprising Dane to be found back home is veteran striker Preben Elkjaer. He is lining up for Vejle, inspired the 2-0 win over Brondby which was the champions' first defeat.

---

ownership went on, Olympiakos appointed Miltos Papapostolu, the recently-fired national team manager, as new boss to pick up the pieces after two disappointing seasons.

Papapostolu said: "Olympiakos is a minefield for coaches.

But whoever is afraid of difficulties should stay home. I have total confidence in my own ability."

Extension

Papapostolu said Olympiakos needed a good foreign centre-forward to add punch to an inconsistent attack. Whoever is signed can be assured that Hungarian schemer Lajos Detari is staying. He has signed a two-year contract extension despite rumours that he was wanted in Italy. Detari's signing-on fee is said to be around £500,000.

Culture and Sports Minister Melina Mercouri used her authority to set out rules for the play-offs to sort out the changes in divisional numbers for next season. The first division is to be extended next season from 16 clubs to 18, the second division will have 18 clubs, the two groups of the third division will have 18 teams each amd the six groups of the fourth division also 18 teams each.

Thus Diagoras, Ethnikos and Kalamaria, who finished bottom of the first division this past season, must play-off against Ioannina, Corinth and Veria, the top three in the second division, for two extra spots in the first division.

If Ethnikos are not among those two it will be the first time in 65 years that the second Piraeus club will be missing from the top flight.

Finally, while Olympiakos fans were suffering more humiliation, deadly rivals Panathinaikos rubbed salt in the wounds by carrying off the Greek cup. They beat Panionios 3- 1 before a 75,000 crowd in the final.

Marseil

Enzo Francescoli . . . signs new deal

FRANCE by ANDRE DUCLOS

IT'S changing partners time again in French football; a massive merry go round in which Montpellier, conquerors of new champions Marseille at the last gasp, seem to be coming out ahead of most people. Even if Marseille appear to have beaten Roma, Lazio, Juventus and the rest for the prized signature of Enzo Francescoli.

What was all this, then, about French football being a cold climate in which any passionate, self respecting South American was bound to wilt and wane? Maybe for France one should have read Paris, traditionally inclined to be cool about its football (remember the awful time when Racing Club divided its home fixtures between Strasburg and Paris?) Though in all fairness it must be said that when things are going well, crowds of 30,000 to 40,000 have been known to pack the Parc des Princes.

Still and all, here are Montpelier, after the failure of Colombia's Carlos Valderrame, snapping up two of the best strikers in the country in Stehpane Paille of Sochaux and Eric Cantona, who was on loan to Bordeaux, having been cast into outer darkness by Marseille. Can Montpellier tame him? A brilliant striker, beyond all doubt, but one who has made trouble and controversy whereever he goes, be it with the national team, which suspended him for his attack on the then manager, Henri Michel, or at club level, Marseille having tired of him.

Paille was saying, even when Sochaux came up into Division 1, that he meant to move on, so, after a very good season in the 1st Division, it is hardly surprizing that he should. No great surprise that Montpellier should not turn to home grown talent, for another South American, Juio Cesar, the big international Brazilian centre-back, had also been a deep disappointment since his arrival from Brest.

Salary

Francescoli meanwhile has singed a £1 million tax clear three-year contract with Marseille, who, having won the Championship and beaten Monaco 4-3 in the Cup final promptly set about improving their team. A blow, this, for Lazio, especially Francescoli would it seems really have preferred to join Juventus — who wouldn't? — but their club President Giampiero Boniperti, having at first come in for him, then vanished in a puff of smoke. Lazio were none to keen to pay his enormous salary, Marseille, with the European Cup before them, were. So it goes.

Fabrice Divert, the 21 year old locally born Caen centre-forward, finished the season in a blaze of goals, as Caen, all to belatedly, just missed the automatic relegation spot, finshing with a hat trick by Divert and then a 3-0 home win over Cannes. Graham Rix stayed in the term till the last, but Brian Stein eventually fell by the wayside, as did another expensively acquired striker, N'Jo Lea. Divert, the local boy who wasn't even thought about when the

TURKEY by HASAN CEMALI

FENERBAHCE'S GREAT FIGHTBACK

FENERBAHCE staged an incredible recovery to beat old rivals Galatasaray in the Turkish Cup quarter finals second leg.

In the first half, injury-hit Fenerbahce looked disorganised in mid-field. Right back Ismail and mid-field general Turan were missing and, up front, national team star Ridvan looked far from fit.

Defensive mistakes saw Tanju score three times (10 min. penalty, 35 and 38) for Galatasaray.

Remarkably, second half changes brought four goals for Fenerbahce. Coach Todor Vaselinovic replaced Oguz with Taygun and Durmus with Senol.

Aykut scored a superb goal in the 46th minute with a thundering left foot shot. Then Hasan converted three passes from Ridvan (53, 68 and 81 minutes) to turn the tie upside down.

Galatasaray's striking star, Prekazi, was sent off in a game, which will be remembered for years.

In the first leg Fenerbahce and Galatasaray drew 2-2.

In other quarter finals, Besiktas put out Karsiyaka of Izmir (3-0, 1-0), Konyaspor eliminated Sariyer of Istanbul (0-0, 3-2) and Malatyaspor eliminated Bakirkey of Istanbul (3-1, 2-0).

Grosers

Meanwhile Fenerbahce dominate the league, having scored 22 goals in one run of just five matches away.

They defeated Eskisehirspor 7-2 (Ridvan 2, Aykut 2, Senol, Wasan, Turan), Sakaryaspor 4-1 (Senol, Wakan, Ridvan, Erdi) and Boluspor 2-0 (Ergin, Hasan). At home, they defeated Karsiyaka 2-0 (Oguz, Ridvan) and Malatyaspor 6-1 (Aykut 3, Hasan 2, Ridvan).

In 33 games Fenerbahce scored 94 goals, conceding 22. Scorers were Aykut 24, Ridvan 19, Hasan 13, Oguz 10, Turan 8,K. Senel 6, Wakan 5, Erdi, Ergin 2, Serdar, Orhan, one each. Three goals were rewarded for the unplayed game against Samsunspor, who withdrew from the league due to the tragic bus accident.

Fenerbahce are the best paid team in Turkey. In the cup after the eliminated Galatasaray, the Fenerbahce squad received 140,000 to share out.

Cup semi-finalist Malatyasper have two Brazilian World Cup stars Carlos, former goalkeeper of Corinthians and Serginho, from Santos. They transferred at the beginning of the season. But Malatyaspor, in the league, are only ninth.

Turkey strikers Tanju, Ridvan, Ugur

e turn on the heat

season began, thus ended it as one of the most prolific scorers in the League.

Paris Stain-Germain really blew up at the end, leaving behidn the bizarre mystery of Safet Susic; who seemed likely to respond once more to the siren call of Marseille. Who on earth, asked everybody, not least the fans of Paris S-G, did the usually shrewd manager Tomislav Iviv expected, himself, ot leave the club omit the brilliant Susic against Lens? Why wasn't he overruled by the club's President, Frances Borelli? Answers on a postcard, please. A smokescreen hangs over it all. Deprives of Susic, Paris S-G could manage only a 0-0 draw at Lens in the penultimate game of the season. That was that.

Jean-Pierre Papin ended the championship as top scorer, by a street; 22 goals and a lot more in the Cup including three in the final. He still gets the bird on away grounds, still hasn't really won the hearts and minds of French spectators away from Marseille and an internatioal centre-forward, but he is a very different player from the one who used to miss so many esy chances, not least in the last World Cup, putting them away both with his head, and on the ground.

Veteran

Glenn Hoddle has had a glorious season, not only making goals but going well into double figures as a scorer, himself. It is a mystery to us that he has ignored by the England team. What more does he have to do0 even if Mr Robson insists, not illogically, that French football is one thing, international football another?

The veteran Belgian coach Raymond Goethals, once in charge of his country's national team, has taken over at Bordeaux, the troubled club — president Claude Bez still buoyantly insists he will get himself and the club out of fiscal trouble — which some months back sacked Aime Jacquet. Goethals, 66, shows that "aegism" is out; his four year contract will expire only when he reches the ripe old age of 70. Diddier Couecou, the club's centre-forward, whoo took over briefly when Jacquet was boot out, becomes delegate general of the club, the former inside-forward star, Alaine Giresse, sporting director.

Talking of Montpellier and Paris S-G, the French internation forward, Danial Xuereb, leaves the latter for the former, together with international winger Christian Perez — who was only on loan anyway. Xuereb has signed a four-year contract, Perez's value hs been materially increased by his spell in the capital. Good news of Montpellier but not for Paris S-G.

Another Parisian player is . . . . retiring. That splendid all round defender Max Bossis, full-back, libero or stopper, as you which, hangs up his boots now at the end of his season with Paris Saint German's ill starred rivals, Matra Racing (RIP?). Just 34 years old, 76 times a fine French international, Bossis has had enough; though you would hardly know it from his performances on the field. Starting with Yonnais FC, making his name with Nantes, he goes out on something of an anticlimax, the club so to speak havign come to pieces in his hands. But his career was a splendid one. Not least for France.

Marseille celebrate their French title success

ALBANIA by GEZIM NUSHI

WITH the national championship reaching the final stages, Partizani Tirana and 17 Nentori Tirana, are out in front.

At the end of the second stage Nentori had 32 points and Partizani had 30 points, the same as Dinamo Tirana. In the third stage, the 12 teams were divided into two groups, with the first six-placed teams being included in the Group One, to decide the league champions.

Nentori soon emerged as the clear favourites for the title. They increased their lead over Partizani, while Dinamo fell out of the race altogether. In the first-leg matches of this round, Nentori and Partizani drew 1-1. Then came the second-leg matches. Dinamo previously beaten by Nentori, came back strongly to win a hotly-disputed match 1-0. Partizani, on the other hand, won its match, so the difference between the Partizani and Nentori was reduced to two points.

In the semi-finals of the cup, Dinamo Tirana knocked out 17 Nentori on a 1-0 aggregate. Partizani eliminated Beslidhja Lezha, winning 1-0 in Tirana and 3-0 in Lezha.

Partizani have revived recently. In the first two stages of the national championship, they were consistantly on top and, at one stage, were even leading by six points. Then many key players were injured, allowing Nentori to overtake.

EAST GERMAN by BOB VAUGHAN

No end in sight to East German misery

ONLY THREE wins, at home to the Soviet Union, in Iceland and in the Prater in Vienna, could, in theory, save East Germanys bacon, effect World Cup qualification in second place and stabilise manager Zapfs shaky position.

More likely in continued criticism from such as Georg Buschner, a draw or home defeat when Lobanovskys lads come to the Friedrich-Jahn-Stadium in east Berlin for the second time in two years in a competitive game.

Perhaps planning for the 1992 European championship has already begun but the national teamwill some sort of dramatic turnaround if a lamentable run of bad results in qualifying ties is to be halted.

Unfortunately the failures have meant a drop in gates at internationals nd where Austria, for instance, would have once drawn a full house in Leipzig, one quarter is now the most the DFV treasury can hope for.

The home tie was also almost lost — Ulf Kirsten getting the home side off the hook four minutes from the end of another poor game. The Austrians were not much better but will have everything to play for in Vienna.

What will happen if Sigi Helds Icelanders improve on their shock draw in Moscow remains to be seen. But that is another item of confusion.

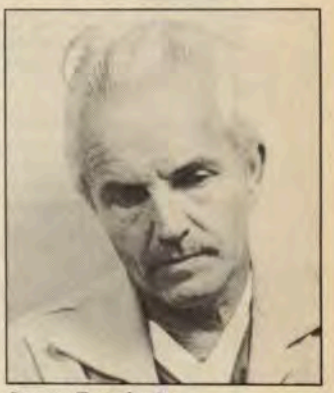
Fans, at least, continue to show interest in their club sides — especially in Florence-on-the-Elbe where Fussball-verruckt (football mad) is the only word for the Dresden disease. Even with the championship won and relegated Union the visitors, some 27,000 turned out to see their Dynamo crown an end to the ten-year reign of hated BFC Dynamo Berlin.

Gutschow, the leagues top scorer, and his fellow forwards did not disappoint the faithful as Dresden romped home 5-0 in their final match. Their average attendance was 22,215, an overall increase of 37,000 for the 13 home league games to which must be added full houses for the UEFA Cup hostings against Aberdeen, Waregem, Roma, Victoria Bucharest and Stuttgart.

Almost as astonishing were some of the provincial clubs gates. UEFA Cup qualifiers Hansa Rostock averaged 20,308 and Energie Cottbus 13,092. Energies redeveloped home will host the first East German Supercup at the start of next season when the two Dynamos — Dresden and Berlin — meet in the Spreewald.

Compare these fogures with the average at Jena, just 4,831 for the East German club with the second best European pedigree — though also the oldest grandstand in the Oberliga. Carl Zeiss just missed out on a UEFA Cup spot which goes to FC Karl-Marx-Stadt.

BFC Dynamo, of course, represent the DDR in the Cup-winners Cup after an unsuccessful decade in the Champions Cup. New manager Werner Voegt, returning to the Sportforum where he was once No 2 after a successful spell with Rostock, will want to wipe out the memory of the Werder debacle.



Georg Buschner

Jurgen Bogs has gone upstairs after more than ten years in charge of the team and will be hoping his successor can find the international formula which eluded him over the years.

No European football is a hefty blow for Lok Leipzig but coach Thomale has been persuaded to stay on. He is one of the few. Peter Kohl (formerly Stahl Brandenburg) takes up the challenge of managing Rostock in Europe, while ex-national team boss Bernd Stange becomes deputy club chairman at Jena. His former aide Harald Irmscher, who has been running the Gera country FA since the national team overthrow, returns to the top flight with Bischofswerda.

FINLAND by PENTTI HIETANEN

Kari makes it tough for Gullit

THE HELSINKI Olympic Stadium was sold out for the first time since the 1952 Games visit of Ferenc Puskas's Hungary, when Holland and Ruud Gullit were the World Cup visitors.

Holland won 1-0 but it took some magical footwork by Gullit, appearing as a super-sub par excellence, to penetrate a stubborn home defence.

Although Holland, as expected, controlled the game, the Finns were far from overrun and even managed to produce a couple of heroes of their own. Keeper Kari Laukkanen (Stuttgart Kickers) and stopper Ari Heikkinewn (TPS Turku) were outstanding in defence while little Marko Myyry worked like a beaver in midfield.

Myyrry is playing for Meppen in the West German second division but it already a target for bigger clubs. He is the shortest player in the Bundesliga but that did not prevent him harassing experienced Dutch fullback Adri Van Tiggelen.

In the league, Bryan Doyle's RoPs Rovaniemi are setting the pace. Malcolm Dunkley, from English non-league club Bromsgrove Rovers, is proving the sort of aerial specialist to give rivals defenders nightmares.

Ruud Gullit

PORTUGAL by KEIR RADNEDGE

BRAZILIAN SHUFFLE AT BENFICA

BENFICA, champions again but beaten in the cup final, are already reorganising their squad for their attempt on the Champions' Cup next season.

Brazilian centre-back Mozer, one of Benfica's better players in last year's dreary European Cup Final, has been sold to French champions Marseille. His replacement is another Brazilian, Aldair of Fluminense. He arrived just too late to join the Benfica squad which was sent flying off round the world to earn some end-of-season pocket money. First stop was East Rutherford and the Giants' Stadium where a weakened Benfica side finished third in the Marlboro Cup. In the semi-finals they lost 2-1 to the United States before beating America Cali by that same margin in the third place play-off.

Across Lisbon, crisis-torn Sporting have been in throes of presidential elections which president Jorge Goncalves was unable to forestall, despite a sponsorship and transfer tie-up with the Philips corporation and PSV Eindhoven.

Canada's Randy Samuel of PSV could be joining Sporting for next season along with a surprise newcomer -Fernando Gomes, former European Golden Boot-winner, whose disciplinary row with FC Porto has brought him to the brink of a transfer.

Pragmatic

In the corridors of power other battles continue. The latest is over a proposal to increase the first division from 20 to 22 clubs. League committee president Valentim Loureiro was the man behind the increase from 18 to 20 clubs. But he defends that as a decision taken on pragmatic grounds because of a player eligibility row which could have upset the entire relegation/promotion system.

Now Loureiro says that to increase the first division to 22 clubs "would be catrastrophic."

POLAND by BOB VAUGHAN

WOJCIECH LAZAREK quit as manager of Poland in the wake of the double World Cup defeats by Sweden and England a tacit admission that the Poles have just about given up their dreams of qualifying for the finals in Italy next year.

Lazarek was given a verbal hounding at the press conference after Poland's 3-0 defeat at Wembley and was given little support of outgoing FA president Zbigniew Jablonski.

New president is former editor Jerzy Domanski, who stepped up immediately after the latest in a series of meetings to try to come up with ways of revitalising the domestic game.

It seems the first division will stay on 16 clubs with the bottom two relegated directly, that is, without a play-off system.

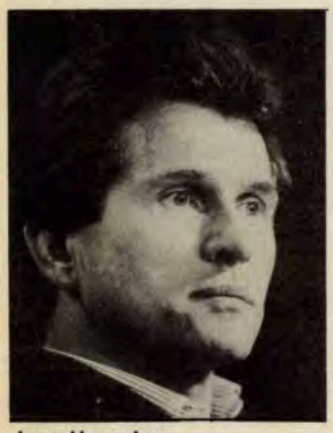
After the international flops the championship resumed with two rounds of the programme in four days. Top attendance was the 30,000 who saw Gornik beat Silesian neighbours Ruch Chorzow with a goal from Warzycha after 56 minutes.

Mozer . . . moving on

WEST GERMANY by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Prolific scorer for Bayern . . . Roland Wohlfarth.

Bayern stretch their record



Jupp Heynckes

BAYERN MUNICH won, as expected, the West German league championship and extended their national record to 11 titles.

It was a triumph for consistency, organisation, successful tactics and team selection and to some degree good transfer dealings. Notwithstanding the fact that two players of whom a lot was expected didn't quite fulfil the early promise.

Midfielder Olaf Thon, hailed by many as the new Overath, or Netzer, failed to live up to the extravagant praise and he is not even certain now of a permanent place in the national team. And the big Swedish international striker Johnny Ekstrom has never found the form which had made him such a sought after centre forward when he was with IFK Gothenburg. His relatively short spell with Italy's modest Empoli clearly blunted his striking edge, and he has been sold to Cannes.

Of Olaf Thon Bayern's business manager Uli Hoeness says: "I hope he will become the big star that we need. He must know that there is no room at Bayern for the also rans. Olaf would do well to add some aggression and attacking flair to his game. By criticising certain aspects of his game we hope to challenge his attitude and to improve it".

The management admit that they are seeking above all strikers, but also classy schemers — like the Hungarian Lajos Detari, for example, who fled from Eintracht Frankfurt to join Olympiakos Piraeus, but is apparently unhappy there.

Criticism

Bayern's league title was also a personal milestone for their team manager Jupp Heynckes, the former 39-times capped striker who in his managerial career had previously won nothing. Heynckes survived early season criticism and can now hold his head high; he belongs undoubtedly to the elite, the small bunch of coaches who reached the pinnacle of their achievement.

Bayern's biggest rivals were Koln whose team boss Christoph Daum had acquired the reputation of a "big mouth". The 35-year- old sports teacher has had an undistinguished career with Hamborn 07, Eintracht Duisburg and the amateurs of Koln. As a manager he looked after the youth team at Koln, was later assistant manager and since 1986 fully in charge.

Sometimes he appears to lose all sense of reality. Unfortunately, some of his pronouncements, especially the personal attacks against professional colleagues, have frankly been over the top. His many "prophecies" reached the climax when he predicted that Koln will win the decider against Bayern and "storm to the top". Never before has so much been said and written about a single league match.

But Bayern demonstrated their class and shocked the vast majority in the 58,000 crowd in the sold out Mungersdorfer stadium. Their hero was striker Roland Wohlfarth who scored all three goals in the 3-1 win which effectively decided the destiny of the championship. For Daum there will also be a sad post mortem. The DFB's disciplinary commission will examine the extensive material gathered by the media and will probably charge the volatile Koln coach with bringing the game into disrepute.

Support

Another disappointing season was experienced by Hannover. The provincial club — champions in 1938 and 1954 — just don't seem to be able to gain a firm foothold in the First Bundesliga. In the past eleven years they were twice promoted (1985 and 1987), now they have to go down again. The club used to enjoy massive support in the Niedersachsen-stadium which holds 61,000. But to the penultimate home game with Nurnberg only 4,000 fans turned out.

The main concluded transfers of players eligible for the coming season in order of cost, but before the market closed for the summer: Jurgen Kohler (Koln to Bayern Munich) 1.3 million; Harald Kohr (Kaiserlautern to Stuttgart) 500.000; Stefan Kuntz (Bayer Uerdingen to Kaiserslautern) 500,000; Michael Frontzeck (Borussia Monchengladbach to VfB Stuttgart) 500,000; Martin Kree (VfL Bochum to Bayer Leverkusen) 470.000; Uwe Bein (Hamburger SV to Eintracht Frankfurt) 430.000; Frank Ordenewitz (Werder Bremen to Koln) 400.000;

The most interesting foreign import is the younger brother of Danish star Michael Laudrup (Juventus), the 20-year-old Brian Laudrup from Brondby who is joining Bayer Uerdingen.

WORLD SOCCER
HOTLINE
0898 600 433
FOR THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATE ON EUROPEAN FOOTBALL
Calls cost 25p/minute off peak and 38p minute business hours from anywhere in the UK

GARY LINEKER in his new colours.

Spurs extend their Spanish connection

by DERICK ALLSOP

GARY LINEKER is, at long last, returning to the First Division with Tottenham while Spurs aide Allan Harris is moving in the other direction and take over Espanol, the Catalan capital's second club.

Lineker and his advisers imposed a virtual news blackout over closing stages of the negotiations as the Spanish season wound to a conclusion with Barcelona squabbling over how much compensation to pay Lineker for winding up his contract.

While summer negotiations were continuing in north London, celebrations were continuing in south London: Crystal Palace are back in the first division.

Their prospects did not look good when second division promotion rivals Blackburn won the first leg of their play-off final by 3-1 at Ewood Park. But Palace, managed by former England and Manchester United right winger, Steve Coppell, won the return 3-0 after extra-time. Port Vale beat Bristol Rovers to take the remaining place in the second division and Leyton Orient went up to the third after defeating Wrexham.

Confidence

While the remaining domestic issues were being settled, England were attempting to consolidate their position in World Cup qualifying group two.They had gone through the season with growing confidence, helped to a 2-0 victory over Scotland at Hampden by a goal from that remarkable Wolves marksman, Steve Bull. The man who has scored more than 100 goals for Wolves in their march from fourth to second division in two seasons, advanced through England under-21 and B internationals to receive a full cap as substitute.

He struck his 54th goal of this season 10 minutes from the end and almost had another. Later he admitted: "That's a dream come true." Against Poland the England hero was Lineker, much to the relief of manager Bobby Robson. Lineker sent his country on their way to a 3-0 success with his first England goal for a year and a performance which belied claims that he is a spent force.

Allan Harris

John Barnes and Neil Webb scored second-half goals to confirm England's superiority and focus their sights on Italy. They still must negotiate away trips to Sweden and Poland, however, in a group which is far from over.

Lineker was again on target against Denmark. The 1-1 draw completed England's first unbeaten season in 14 years.

While the season was playing out its last, dramatic acts with Liverpool being pipped for the league title by Arsenal, former Leeds and England boss Don Revie died at 61. Despite his many club successes he will always be remembered as the man who quit England in favour of a Middle East fortune.

Chile are no draw

by NICK GIBBS

The Irish Football Association made an estimated loss of £40,000 on the Northern Ireland versus Chile international at Windsor Park. Only 1,500 supporters, Ulster's lowest crowd for a full international, turned up to witness the first meeting between the two countries.

The poor turnout came as consequence of Ulster Television's decision to broadcast live the English League Championship decider between Liverpool and Arsenal. The match, which was watched by 10.30 million viewers in Britain, coincided with the game at Windsor Park. Irish supporters declared their preference: a Championship decider over a meaningless friendly against uninspiring opposition.

It proved to be a miserable night for the ill-supported Irish team as they were beaten 1-0. Astengo scored the only goal of the game after 44 minutes.

The defeat brough to an end a disappointing season for Northern Ireland. Billy Bingham's team are out of contention for a World Cup place and look set to return to their pre-1982 position of rank outsiders.

The 1988-89 season saw Northern Ireland play six internationals winning one and losing four. Goals have been the problem with two only being recorded in the victory over Malta. Defeats by Hungary, Spain (twice) and Chile will have knocked away at the squad's confidence. Bingham will have the summer to contemplate his long term strategy as the Irish look towards the 1992 European Championships.

On the domestic scene, one manager could be forgiven for thinking how he can go wrong. Roy Coyle, manager of Linfield since November 1975, claimed the 30th trophy of his reign with the club's League Championship success. Coyle, an almost perennial Manager of the Year, has led Linfield to ten League Championships, three Irish Cups, six Gold Cups, four Ulster Cups, five Antrim Shields, one Roadferry League Cup and one Tyler All- Ireland Cup.

Joining them in Europe will be Ballymena United in the Cup- winners' Cup and Glentoran in the UEFA Cup.

Republic of Ireland's Paul McGrath wins the ball from Northern Ireland's Michael O'Neill during the World Cup qualifier

Irish on their way

by SEAN CREEDON

Que Sera Sera
Whatever will be, will be.
We're going to It-al-ee,
Que Sera Sera. . .

That's the jingle the Republic of Ireland supporters were singing at Lansdowne Road two Sundays in-a-row at the end of the season. Capacity 50,000 crowds enjoyed the early summer sunshine as the boys in green beat both Malta and Hungary 2-0 to take two giant steps on the road to Italia '90.

The Republic have never qualified for the World Cup Finals and ironically Northern Ireland are now the main stumbling block. Billy Bingham brings his team to Dublin on October 11, but the Northern Ireland boss can do Jack Charlton a big favour on September 6 if the North can take a point off Hungary when they visit Windsor Park, Belfast.

The same evening the Republic take on West Germany in a friendly at Lansdowne Road and with the huge demand for tickets for the recent World Cup games it looks like this could be the first friendly sell-out at Lansdowne.

The FAI intend to use the Irish Rugby Union headquarters Lansdowne Road for their big games for the forseeable future. But last season they bought four League of Ireland grounds which were in danger of being lost to soccer. The latest acquisition by the FAI is Tolka Park, home of in debt Home Farm and for many years the base of the now defunct Drumcondra. Dalymount Park, Dublin, Turner's Cross, Cork and United Park, Drogheda had already been bought by the now progressive FAI.

A major boost for the 'Keep Rovers at Milltown' (KRAM) campaign: Brent Homes, the English company who bought Glenmalure Park, Milltown from the Kilcoyne family, were recently refused planning permission to build 78 houses on the now overgrown pitch. The house building plan was rejected because the area is zoned for amenity purposes. The builders will appeal against the decision, but KRAM see the refusal as a boost to their plans to bring the Hoops back to their rightful home. Rovers are at present sharing Dalymount Park with Bohemians.

Defunct

Meanwhile the bull-dozers have been busy at Richmond Park, home of St. Patrick's Athletic. The Saints have finally decided to get rid of their famous slope at their Inchicore ground. Next season St. Pats will play their home games at nearby Rutland Avenue, the former home of the now defunct Jacobs — while the grass grows on a now-level Richmond Park.

Sligo Rovers and EMFA, who finished last and second last respectively in the Opel League of Ireland first division last season, have both been re-elected to the Eire League. EMFA have changed their name to Kilkenny City and Sligo have changed managers. Former Shamrock Rovers boss Dermot Keely has the difficult task of getting Sligo back into the Premier Division.

Galway United sacked Seamus McDonagh after just six months in charge. The former Eire goalkeeper, who managed to keep Galway in the Premier Division, was bitterly disappointed after his first venture into management. The new Galway Player-Manager is Paul McGee, who has previously played for Finn Harps, Sligo Rovers, Queens Park Rangers, Preston North End, Burnley, Shamrock Rovers, Dundalk, Waterford, Ballymena, Hereford and two Canadian clubs!

Double blow for Wales

by NICK GIBBS

Wales' World Cup hopes were given a severe jolt with the shock sacking of defender Pat Van Den Hauwe.

Van Den Hauwe, who made the first of his 13 appearances against Spain in April 1985, failed to report for training at the Welsh squad's Newport headquarters. Fellow Everton players, Neville Southall and Kevin Ratcliffe, were equally mystified by his absence.

Yorath contacted the Goodison Park club who did not know Van Den Hauwe's whereabouts either. Later, the Belgian-born defender contacted Everton to say he had a hamstring injury.

The manager was incensed by Van Den Hauwe's actions and lack of communication. Yorath withdrew the player from the squad and vowed now to select him while he was still boss.

Yorath's severe punishment, however, left Wales without a recognised back four player when captain Ratcliffe was selected to play as a sweeper against West Germany. The Welsh policy was to play in the Irish style of Jack Charlton. This, reasoned Yorath, would cause more problems for a West Germany without the injured Augenthaler and Mill plus the suspended Matthaus.

Boost

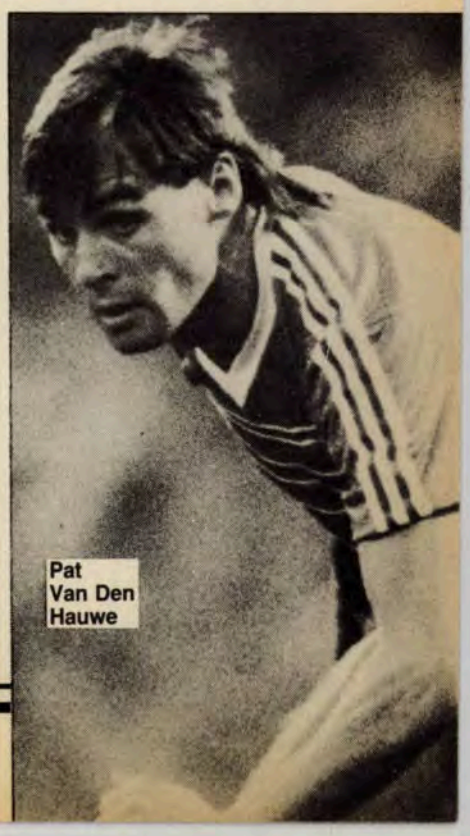
Ian Rush was adjudged to have recovered sufficiently from the injury he sustained playing for Liverpool against Arsenal in the League Championship decider. It gave the Welsh a psychological boost to field the Rush-Mark Hughes partnership since Franz Beckenbauer had publicly expressed his fear of the duo.

The match was staged at Cardiff Arms Park, the home of Welsh Rugby Union. It was only the seventh match the Welsh soccer had ever played there. The last was 69 years before when Wales played (and lost) to England.

The terracing was closed and all spectators were seated for the first time at a football match in Britain. An indication of all future World Cup ties under the auspices of FIFA.

The match ended 0-0, a creditable result for Wales but effectively ends their interest in the competition. The West Germans, surprisingly, despite being aware of Holland's 1-0 win over Finland, seemed content with the outcome.

Ten days before the Wales-West Germany clash, Swansea City won the Welsh Cup Final, beating Kidderminster Harriers 5- 0.



Pat Van Den Hauwe

DIARY

WORLD SOCCER'S GLOBAL NEW

OBITUARY

DON REVIE, former manager of England and Leeds, who died on Friday, May 26, from motor neurone disease, aged 61. Revie was born in Middlesbrough, began his playing career with Leicester and figured in four major transfers totalling a then remarkable £80,000 as he moved to Hull, Manchester City, Sunderland and finally to Leeds, whom he joined for £14,000 as player-manager in November, 1958. It was as a player with Manchester City that Revie earned initial fame, playing as a deep-lying centre-forward in what came to be known as the Revie Plan. His tactical intelligence was first seen to successful effect when City won the 1956 FA Cup. He extended that approach to management, lifting Leeds from the second division doldrums to a string of successes in the League championship, the FA Cup and the Fairs' Cup. Leeds were also runners-up under Revie in the Cup-winners' Cup. This Leeds side played some of the finest football produced by a post-war English club. Unfortunately they also developed a reputation for gamesmanship which prevented appreciation of their talent developing into admiration. In 1974 Revie was the obvious choice to succeed sacked Sir Alf Ramsey as manager of England. But he missed the daily work with players and intimidated those who did not known him with a propensity for detail and organisation (carpet bowls, dossiers, etc). He continually chopped and changed his line-ups and eventually, when England's World Cup qualifying fate was in the balance in 1977, flew incognito to negotiate his 'out' with officials from the oil-rich United Arab Emirates. Revie did so out of a personal conviction that FA president Sir Harold Thompson was about to sack him. He would earned much more sympathy if he had stayed to face the music — and would still have been available for a tax-free spell in the Middle East. His departure earned him a hefty domestic suspension from the FA and further notoriety from the ensuing court appeal. After leaving the UAE he worked briefly in Egypt before returning home to Britain for the sake of the health of his wife, Elsie. Sadly Revie was then himself struck by incurable illness.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

ACTION: In the World Cup, French hopes of a qualifying revival fade further after a goalless draw at home to Yugoslavia. Belgium score an important 2-1 victory over Czechoslovakia thanks to two goals from Marc Degryse.

ITALY: Second-placed Napoli beat Verona 1-0 in a league game brought forward a day to help Napoli prepare for the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final at home to Stuttgart.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

ACTION: The United States score a revenge 1-0 victory over Costa Rica in their World Cup qualifier thanks to a goal from Tab Ramos and an 88th-minute penalty save by keeper David Vanole.

HOLLAND: No change at the top. PSV are held goalless by RKC but Ajax are held 1-1 by MVV Maastricht. PSV thus stay one point clear with four games to go. More bad news for Ajax is that Swedish striker Stefan Pettersson will be out for months after suffering a knee ligament injury.

ITALY: Honours even in the Milan derby, which ends in a goalless draw. Juventus, surprisingly, win 2-1 away to Sampdoria.

NORWAY: An impressive total of 45,000 fans watch the six matches in the first round of the new season.

PORTUGAL: Benfica miss their chance to secure the league title when they are held 2-2 away by Vitoria Setubal.

SPAIN: skipper Ricardo Gallego sent off as they struggle to a 1-0 win over Logrones. Barcelona remain second after making up for a three-match goalless run by thrashing Oviedo 7-0. Julio Salinas scores a hat-trick.

MONDAY, MAY 1

ENGLAND: Liverpool confirm, following the previous day's fund-raising match against Celtic in Glasgow, that they will resume their FA Cup campaign — starting with the replayed semi-final against Nottingham Forest on Sunday, May 7.

HOLLAND: Ajax announce that Leo Beenhakker is to return, as technical director, after his contract with Real Madrid expires at the end of June. His aides at Ajax will include current caretaker Spitz Kohn, Barry Hulshoff and Arnold Muhren.

ITALY: Milan's Frank Rijkaard is released from hospital after being taken in overnight for observation after being carried off during the derby against Inter following a clash of heads with Inter's Verdelli.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

FRANCE: Michel Platini says he is willing to stay on as national manager even if France are eliminated in the World Cup qualifiers.

HOLLAND: Injured Ajax star Stefan Pettersson pulls out of Sweden's World Cup tie against Poland.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

ACTION: Napoli hit back from 1-0 down to beat Stuttgart 2-1 in the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final. But they do so amid controversy over more of Diego Maradona's 'Hand of God' activities . . . Liverpool's first League match since Hillsborough ends in a goalless draw with Merseyside neighbours Everton.

Mirandhina

BRAZIL: Sao Paulo's £200,000 offer to Newcastle for Mirandinha is instantly rejected by the English club.

FRANCE: Aime Jacquet, the man behind Bordeaux's success of recent years but then the scapegoat for their disappointing season, agrees to take over Montpellier at the end of the season.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven agree to sign Roda's Michael Boerebach at the season's end as replacement for Barcelona-bound Ronald Koeman.

ITALY: Sven-Goran Eriksson accepts that he will switch from Fiorentina to Benfica at the end of the season. Eriksson says: "I have decided to end a long, sad story. I have tried to convince Benfica to let me stay in Florence but they say they want me at any price."

SPAIN: Real Madrid draw 1-1 with Osasuna in Zaragoza, as the teams play off the outstanding 47 minutes of a league game abandoned in Pamplona earlier this season because of crowd trouble. Osasuna had led 1-0; Madrid equalise (three months later) through Hugo Sanchez.

SWEDEN: Malmo defender Roger Ljung agrees to join Young Boys of Switzerland on July 1. Young Boys already have Sweden's Anders Limpar and Bjorn Nilsson.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

ITALY: A memorial service is held on Superga hill, outside Turin, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the air crash in which the entire first-team squad of Italian champions Torino was wiped out.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

FRANCE: Marseille score the most vital victory of the season, beating league leaders Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 before a 35,000 crowd. A last-gasp goal from midfielder Franck Sauzee sends Marseille leap-frogging over Paris SG and two points clear at the top of the table.

ITALY: Milan, reacting to television suggestions that a Carlo Ancelotti shot should have been awarded as a goal in last weekend's derby against Inter, suggest experimental introduction of a newly-developed electronic detector system.

SOVIET UNION: Kiev midfielder Sergei Aleinikov will join Genoa next season, according to reports from the Italian city.

WEST GERMANY: In advanced Bundesliga matches, Kaiserslautern beat Bochum and Leverkusen beat Nurnberg, both by 3-0 margins. Two of Leverkusen's goals come from Poles, Andrzej Buncol and Marek Lesniak.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

AUSTRALIA: Frank Arok is confirmed as national manager at least until July next year, despite the Aussies' failure in the World Cup Oceania qualifiers.

ITALY: Sampdoria lose 1-0 away to struggling Lecce in a match brought forward 24 hours to help Sampdoria's prepare for the Cup-winners' Cup final against Barcelona in Bern.

SWITZERLAND: Luzern beat Wettingen 1-0, thanks to a goal from Iceland's Sigurdur Gretarsson, to return to the top of the championship table. Servette end a run of six games without a victory by defeating Bellinzona 5-2. John Eriksen and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge each score twice.

WEST GERMANY: A late goal from Olaf Thon brings Bayern Munich a 1-0 win over Waldhof-Mannheim and keeps them three points ahead of Koln — who beat outgoing champions Werder 2-1 in Bremen thanks to goals from Littbarski and Povlsen.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

ACTION: In the World Cup, Sweden snatch a last-minute 2-1 win over Poland.

AUSTRIA: FC Tirol strengthen their grip at the top of the championship section by defeating Grazer AK 4-1. Tirol now lead Admira/Wacker by seven points and FK Austria by eight.

ENGLAND: Liverpool beat Nottingham Forest 3-1 in their replayed FA Cup semi-final. John Aldridge scores twice in a game in which Liverpool appear to cope with the emotion of the occasion better than their rivals.

GREECE: AEK beat Olympiakos 1-0 in what was, to all effects, a championship play-off. AEK are champions with one match remaining after a match which boils over several times. Referee Ilias Karkamanis sends off four players. The game's most controversial incident is in the 71st minute when a 'goal' by Sakis Mustakidis for Olympiakos is disallowed because of offside. Later, seven minutes from time, AEK turn the game around with a winning goal from substitute Dimitris Karagiozopulos.

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY KEIR RADNEDGE

HOLLAND: Fatal slip by Ajax, who lose 1-0 to Volendam in the wake of PSV's 1-0 victory over Fortuna Sittard the previous day. Ajax go down to a freak goal when a goalkeeper's clearance strikes defender Marc Verkuyl on the back of the head and rebounds into goal.

Aldo Serena's 17th goal of the season. Roma veteran Bruno Conti is sent off in the last minute of a 1-1 home draw against Ascoli. Fighting had broken out between players after Conti appeared to be brought down in the penalty area only for the referee to wave play on. The trouble spreads to the hooligan element in the crowd., Three fans are injured, one seriously, after falling into the moat surrounding the pitch . . . police checks on supporters at the Pescara v Lazio game reveal five knives, five petrol bombs, three bottles filled with acid, five slingshots, 200 iron ball bearings, and eight 'cherry bomb' rockets. There is a history of fan rivalry between the clubs and in clashes outside the Pescara stadium six people are injured and cars are damaged.

PORTUGAL: Benfica beat Amadora 3-0 to make sure of the league title with two rounds remaining.

REP.IRELAND: Derry wrap up a unique success when the team from the North clinch the double in the South by defeating Cork 1-0 in the Cup Final replay. Felix Healy scores the 11th-minute winner.

RUMANIA: Steaua drop only their second point of the league season as they are held 2-2 away by Universitatea Cluj-Napoca. Steaua are one point ahead of Dinamo.

SPAIN: Real Madrid draw 1-1 away to Bilbao but stretch their top-of-the-table lead to five points because Barcelona, approaching the Cup-winners' Cup final, have postponed their match against Murcia until May 25.

MONDAY, MAY 8

DENMARK: Sepp Piontek recalls Anderlecht's Henrik Andersen to the national squad in place of suspended Jan Heintze for the World Cup-tie against Greece.

FRANCE: Monaco fullback Manuel Amoros is reported as poised to sign for Fiorentina. Negotiations depend on Monaco's bid for Cannes fullback Zoran Vujovic.

ITALY: The association of relatives of Heysel victims formally announce their intention to appeal against the verdicts handed down in Brussels.

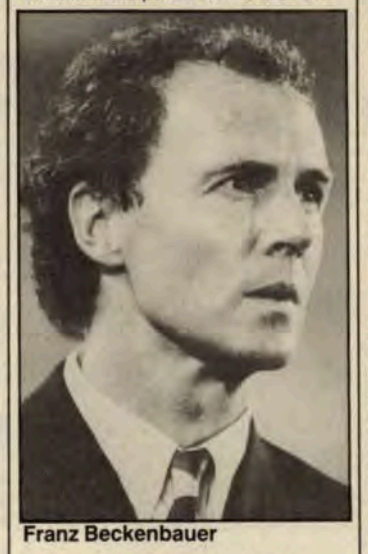
TUESDAY, MAY 9

ACTION: In the World Cup, Czechoslovakia thrash Luxembourg 4-0 in Prague.

COSTA RICA: Costa Rica formally protest to FIFA about the refereing of Rodolfo Martinez, of Honduras, at the Costa Ricans' 1-0 World Cup in the United States.

FRANCE: Marseille, Auxerre, Monaco and Sochaux qualify for the semi-finals of the French cup.

RUMANIA: Steaua, working through a Belgian agency, offer to sell Milan all but 200 of their 25,000 tickets allocation for the Champions' Cup Final in Barcelona. Milan have a 45,000 allocation but demand has far outstripped supply. The Belgian agency are afraid to sell the tickets without official permission from UEFA.



Franz Beckenbauer

WEST GERMANY: The DFB's league committee comes up with a novel idea to try to halt a slump in attendances. It is proposed that next season home and away matches will be played in succeeding weeks with one extra point going to the team who win on aggregate. Penalties will be used at the end of normal is the aggregate scores are level. National boss Franz Beckenbauer is scathing, saying: "Only people without any sense could have approved something like this." . . . three players are sent off as Borussia Dortmund beat Stuttgart 2-0 in a brutal cup semi-final. Ottavio Bianchi, coach to Stuttgart's UEFA Cup rivals Napoli, is among the crowd.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

ACTION: Barcelona beat Sampdoria 2-0 in Bern to win the Cup-winners' Cup for a record third time . . . in the World Cup qualifiers, the Soviet Union score an important 1-0 win in Turkey thanks to a goal from Mikhailichenko . . . Brazil beat Peru 4-1 in a friendly in Fortaleza. Centre-forward Charles scored twice on his debut.

ITALY: Diego Maradona is reported to be threatening (yet again) to quit Napoli . . . Bruno Conti is banned for six matches for violent play and dissent in the weekend's game against Ascoli. Also banned are Verza (Como) and Ancelotti (Milan).

WEST GERMANY: Werder Bremen qualify to meet Borussia Dortmund in the cup final, thanks to a 2-1 semi-final victory away to Bayer Leverkusen.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

ARGENTINA: Antonio Alegre, president of Boca Juniors, denies that he has immediate plans to bring Diego Maradona home to Argentina

GREECE: Panathinaikos win the Greek cup final, beating Panionios 3-1 thanks to goals from Mavridis (eight minutes), Dimopulos (44 penalty) and Saravakos (46). Panionios' consolation is scored by Zakas after 35 minutes.

HOLLAND: Winger Rob Witschge is to leave Ajax for Saint-Etienne of France on a four-year contract. The transfer fee is £650,000.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

FRANCE: Nantes agree to sell Scotland's World Cup goal-scoring hero, Mo Johnston, back to Celtic for a£a1.2million . . . Paris Saint-Germain go back to the top of the league, at least for 24 hours, thanks to a 3-0 win over Laval.

ITALY: Public prosecutors launch a preliminary investigation into suspected fraud over World Cup redevlopment work the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, which is due to stage the 1990 World Cup Final . . . Diego Maradona tried to cool things, saying: "I am with Napoli, not against Napoli." . . . Juventus forward Rui Barros undergoes emergency surgery for appendicitis.

POLAND: National team forward Jacek Ziober is charged by police with causing the death of a pedestrian by drunken driving. Ziober is placed under house arrest, meaning he would need special dispensation to travel to England for the June World Cup-tie.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, the United States are held 1-1by Trinidad and Tobago in Torrance, California.

BELGIUM: Mechelen finish the season four points clear of Anderlecht with FC Liege third.

FRANCE: Marseille go back to the top thanks to a 2-1 victory over Toulon. Auxerre are held 1-1 by Racing, for whom international midfielder Luis Fernandez returns after injury for his first match in ten months.

ITALY: Ruud Gullit, expected to play at least half a match this weekend in league action, flies back to Amsterdam instead for special therapy from Dutch expert Ted Troost, an old friend . . . Napoli and Roma draw 1-1 in a game brought forward to aid Napoli's UEFA Cup final preparations.

WEST GERMANY: The league title race is blown wide open as Bayern lose 2-0 away to Stuttgart Kickers and Koln move to within one point of the leaders thanks to a 2-0 home victory over Borussia Dortmund.

CONTINUED

THE MONTH AHEAD: JULY

*denotes World Cup qualifier

1.7.89 South American Chp (in Brazil)/Gp A: Paraguay v Peru
1.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Brazil v Venezuela
1.7.89 Spanish cup final

2.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Uruguay v Ecuador
2.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Argentina v Chile

3.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Venezuela v Colombia 3.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Brazil v Peru

4.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Uruguay v Bolivia
4.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Argentina v Ecuador

5.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Peru v Venezuela
5.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Colombia v Paraguay

6.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Ecuador v Bolivia
6.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Chile v Uruguay

7.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Paraguay v Venezuela 7.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Brazil v Colombia

8 7.89 SAC/Gp B: Bolivia v Chile
8.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Uruguay v Argentina

9.7.89 El Salvador v United States*
9.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Colombia v Peru
9.7.89 SAC/Gp A: Brazil v Paraguay

10.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Chile v Ecuador
10.7.89 SAC/Gp B: Argentina v Bolivia

12.7.89 SAC second round
12-14.7.89 Philips Cup (Bern: incl.Fluminense)

14.7.89 SAC second round

15.7.89 China v Iran*

16.7.89 Costa Rica v El Salvador*
16.7.89 SAC second (final) round

19.7.89 Chile v Peru/f

22.7.89 Iran v China*

23.7.89 Chile v Paraguay or Bolivia/f

30.7.89 Trin/Tobago v El Salvador*
30.7.89 Venezuela v Brazil*

DIARY

WORLD SOCCER'S GLOBAL NEWS

SUNDAY, MAY 14

ITALY: Goals by Ramon Diaz and Aldo Serena bring Inter a 2-0 win over Lecce and lift them seven points ahead of Napoli. Milan draw 1-1 with Sampdoria despite being without the injured Gullit, Evani, Ancelotti and Maldini.

PORTUGAL: Benfica celebrate their league title triumph by winning 2-0 away to neighbours and deadly rivals Sporting. Valdo and Abel Alonso score the goals, thanks to blunders by Sporting keeper Jorge Vital.

SPAIN: Real Madrid look more like their old selves in a 3-0 home win over Sevilla. Emilio Butragueno scores twice but Hugo Sanchez misses a penalty.

MONDAY, MAY 15

ENGLAND: Following a weekend of renewed hooligan violence across the Football League, FA chairman Bert Millichip admits: "Frankly, I don't know where we go from here." . . . the Hillsborough inquiry, under Lord Justice Taylor, opens in Sheffield.

HOLLAND: The Whit Monday programme sees PSV confirmed as champions yet again. Their 2-1 away win over Groningen means they are three points clear of Ajax with one game to play.

ITALY: Diego Maradona says he will stay at Napoli, after all, until the end of his contract in 1993 . . . Milan admit Ruud Gullit may not be fit for the Champions' Cup final.

SWITZERLAND: Grasshoppers retain the Swiss cup by defeating Aarau 2-1 in the final. Andre Halter scores both Grasshopper goals, in the eighth and 51st minutes. Rene Van der Gijp pulls one back for Aarau in the 52nd. A 27,000 crowd in Bern's Wankdorf stadium sees the Hoppers claim the cup for the 16th time.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

ACTION: In the European under-21 championship, Denmark beat Greece 3-0 and Rumania beat Bulgaria 2-1 . . . in Winterthur, Switzerland B lose 2-0 to England B.

BELGIUM: Relegated Beerschot part company with coach Barry Hughes . . . French midfielder Thierry Pister leaves Antwerp for Toulon.

ITALY: Diego Maradona arrives in West Germany for Napoli's UEFA Cup Final return in time to learn that his girlfriend, Claudia, has given birth in Buenos Aires to their second daughter . . . nearly 200 hooligan fans of local rivals Sampdoria and Genoa clash in street fighting near the Marassi stadium, although there is no soccer action. There are 15 injuries.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA confirm that Libya have pulled out of the World Cup, blaming 'technical problems.'

WEST GERMANY: Jurgen Klinsmann of Stuttgart signs a three-year contract to join Internazionale at the end of the season for £1.3 million.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

ACTION: In the UEFA Cup Final, Napoli force a 3-3 draw in Stuttgart to win 5-4 on aggregate . . . in the World Cup qualifiers, Denmark run up a 7-0 win over Greece, with all the goals shared around. Rumania beat Bulgaria 1-0 . . . in the South American club semi-finals, Olimpia beat Internacional 5-3 on penalties after winning 3-2 in Brazil, and Nacional of Colombia thrash Uruguay's Danubio 6-0.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA confirm that West German captain Lothar Matthaus is banned from the World Cup tie with Wales, despite DFB protests that Matthaus had been a victim of mistaken identity by referee Erik Fredriksson.

Bert Millichip

THURSDAY, MAY 18

ENGLAND: Confusion at the head of the English game as FA chairman Bert Millichip proposes banning away fans from all domestic "high risk" games next season — and chief executive Graham Kelly produced a discussion document covering a string of measures but not that one.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

ACTION: Iceland lose 2-0 at home to England in a B international . . . in the African Cup-winners' Cup, Union Algiers beat Stade Malien on a penalty shoot-out after winning 1-0 in extra time to square their second round aggregate.

FRANCE: Bordeaux appoint veteran coach Raymond Goethals, lately of Anderlecht, as boss for next season. This will be his second spell with the club.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

ACTION: East Germany are held 1-1 at home in Leipzig by Austria in a World Cup qualifier . . . Liverpool beat Everton 3-2 after extra time in a dramatic FA Cup Final . . . in Scotland's Cup Final, Celtic beat Rangers 1-0.

FRANCE: Marseille beat Auxerre 2-1 on the penultimate day of the league campaign to make sure of finishing as champions. They are four points clear of Paris Saint-Germain, who are held goalless at Lens.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich edge clear again of pursuers Koln. Bayern beat St Pauli 2-1 while Koln are held 2-2 away to relegation-bound Hannover.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

ACTION: Norway move up to third in World Cup group five after beating Cyprus 3-1 in Oslo.

ENGLAND: Wembley officials confirm that perimeter fences, removed for the FA Cup Final, will be immediately replaced for the Rous Cup-tie against Chile.

ITALY: Title-bound Inter run up a record 6-0 away win against struggling Bologna. Napoli maintain vain pursuit with a 4-1 home win over Torino.

SCOTLAND: Rangers boss Graeme Souness announces his retirement as a player . . . Aberdeen's Dutch goalkeeper Theo Snelders is voted Players' Player of the Year.

SPAIN: Barcelona win 2-0 at Logrones to pull back one point on leaders Real Madrid, who had been held 3-3 by neighbours Atletico.

MONDAY, MAY 22

ACTION: Hong Kong and Japan draw 0-0 in a World Cup qualifier . . . a Steve Bull goal brings England a 1-0 B international victory over Norway in Stavanger.

WEST GERMANY: National boss Franz Beckenbauer recalls Bayern Munich sweeper Klaus Augenthaler to the squad for the first time in more than three years, for the World Cup qualifying visit to Wales.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

ACTION: England are held goalless by Chile in a poor game. The 15,628 attendance, compounded by a strike on the London Underground, is the lowest-ever for an England game at Wembley.

AUSTRIA: FC Tirol clinch the cup — and set themselves up for the double — by thrashing Admira Wacker 6-2 in the cup final second leg for a 6-4 aggregate.

BELGIUM: Mechelen beat Anderlecht 3-1 in a cup semi-final second leg but Anderlecht win on the away goals rule (aggregate 3-3). In the final they will play Standard Liege who also needed the away goals rule to beat neighbours FC Liege.

FRANCE: Safet Susic signs a two-year contract extension to stay with Paris Saint-Germain. His decision is being linked to rumours that coach Tomislav Ivic may leave for Marseille, and PSG's attempts to buy Yugoslav centre-forward Zlatko Vujovic from Cannes.

SPAIN: Officials of Steaua Bucharest, arriving in Barcelona for the Champions' Cup Final, say the players have been promised a Ford car each if they beat Milan . . . Milan coach Arrigo Sacchi says Ruud Gullit will play from the start of the match despite having barely recovered from a knee injury which required 'keyhole' surgery . . . Milan president Silvio Berlusconi rules out English clubs for his European Superleague proposals, because "their stadia are out of date and not up to the required standards of comfort and safety."

SWITZERLAND: Luzern beat third-placed Sion 1-0 to stay one point ahead of Grasshoppers.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

ACTION: Peru and Brazil draw 1-1 in a Lima friendly . . . Olimpia of Paraguay beat Nacional of Colombia 2-0 in the first leg of the South American club cup final . . . Milan win the European Champions' Cup for the third time by thrashing Steaua Bucharest 4-0 in Barcelona; Marco Van Basten and Ruud Gullit score twice each.

BULGARIA: CFKA Sredets secure the double when they win the cup by beating Chermorets of Bourgas 3-0 in the final.

FINLAND: Finnish federation officials say a record 36,000 tickets have been sold for the World Cup visit of Holland. The current international match record in Finland is 37,018 for the visit of Brazil two years ago.

HOLLAND: Roda agree to sell international forward John Van Loen to French club Sochaux for £700,000.

Diego Maradona

ITALY: Diego Maradona says he is at last planning to marry Claudia Villafane, the mother of his two children, in September. Maradona says: "We are going to have a sensational party. We'll throw the house out of the window!" The guest list runs to 3,000.

SOVIET UNION: Spartak's 1-0 win over Tbilisi, combined with Kiev's 1-0 defeat away to Zhalgiris Vilnius, helps the Moscow club extend their first division lead to four points.

WEST GERMANY: Bayer Uerdingen announce that assistant Horst Wohlers will take over as coach at the end of the season from Rolf Schafstall — whose contract had been due to expire in 1992.

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star beat Napredak 4-0 in a late attempt to try to catch leaders Vojvodina, who lose 2-1 at Radnicki but are still three points ahead with three games to play.

ERVICE CONDUCTED BY KEIR RADNEDGE

THURSDAY, MAY 25

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Malaysia beat Singapore 1-0 and South Korea thrash Nepal 9-0 in the Asian East group matches in Seoul.

ARGENTINA: With one round to play, Independiente secure the league title by defeating Deportivo Armenia 2-1. Long-time leaders Boca's last chance disappears when they are held 1-1 by Gimnasia y Esgrima.

FRANCE: Marseille move closer to the double when they beat Auxerre 2-0 in a cup semi-final first leg. Papin and Vercruysse score the goals.

GREECE: Controversial Hungarian star Lajos Detari surprisingly signs a two-year contracrt extension with giant Greek crisis club, Olympiakos of Piraeus.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven win the double by defeating Groningen 4-1 in the cup final. Romario, Ellerman (two) and Kieft score the PSV goals.

ITALY: At least 5,000 fans turn out to welcome home new European champions Milan.

SPAIN: Barcelona's dreams of overtaking Real Madrid with a late league run collapse as they surprisingly beaten 2-0 away to Murcia in the match postponed to help Barcelona before their Cup-winners' Cup final.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich virtually secure the league title when they stage their best performance of the season to win 3-1 away against second-placed Koln. Bayern owe it all to hat-trick hero Roland Wohlfarth in front of a 60,000 crowd which includes state President Richard Von Weiszaecker.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

ACTION: Northern Ireland lose 1-0 at home to Chile in a Belfast friendly in front of a crowd of only 2,500 because of the counter-attraction of TV coverage of the English league showdown between Liverpool and Arsenal . . . Luxembourg and Belgium draw 0-0 in the European under-21 championship.

AUSTRIA: Tirol thrash Admira 6-2 to add the league title to their cup success.

ENGLAND: An injury-time goal from Michael Thomas brings Arsenal a 2-0 win away to Liverpool and the league championship in the most thrilling finale of all time . . . Don Revie, former manager of Leeds and England, dies aged 61 from motor neurone disease . . . at the Hillsborough Disaster inquiry, the senior police commander in charge of crowd control, apologises for misleading fellow officers and for blaming Liverpool fans about events at the Leppings Lane end of the ground.

FRANCE: Monaco are held goalless at home by Sochaux in a cup semi-final first leg.

GREECE: Miltos Papapostolu is appointed new coach of Olympiakos Piraeus as successor to Poland's Jacek Gmoch. The team had been run since March by caretaker Giorgis Papamalis.

ITALY: Marco Van Basten says he does not want to rush a decision on whether to extend his contract with Milan, as president Silvio Berlusconi wants, or transfer to Barcelona to rejoin Johan Cruyff.

WEST GERMANY: Klaus Augenthaler, injured playing for Bayern against Koln, and Dortmund forward Frank Mill pull out of the World Cup squad bound for Wales. Jurgen Kohler and is also doubtful. Manager Franz Beckenbauer will be there, despite having fractured a collarbone in falling off a bicycle near his home in Kitzbuhel, Austria.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

ACTION: In the World Cup, Hong Kong lose 2-1 at home to North Korea, South Korea beat Malaysia 3-0 and Singapore beat Nepal 3-0 . . . Scotland lose 2-0 at home to England in the Rous Cup at Hampden. England's second goal is scored by prolific Wolves star Steve Bull, fresh from the third division . . . Belgium beat Yugoslavia 1-0 in a friendly in Brussels.

HUNGARY: The league is set for another dramatic finish as Honved win 3-1 away to Szombathely and MTK win 2-1 away to Ujpset Dozsa to stay level on 55 points with two games to play. Also in with a title chance are Ferencvaros, who are two points behind the leaders after thrashing Zalaegerszeg 5-0.

SPAIN: Barcelona return to winning ways, beating Bilbao 3-0 (goals from Amor, Urbano and Soler) in their second league game in three days.

SWITZERLAND: Luzern take a decisive step towards the league title when they beat second-placed Grasshoppers 1-0. Martin Muller scores the only goal in front of a 23,000 crowd. Luzern now lead Hoppers by three points with three games to go.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

ACTION: The Irish Republic beat Malta 2-0 in Dublin to push their claims for a World Cup place in Italy. Indonesia and Japan draw 0-0 in the Asian section. In Central/North America, Trinidad and Tobago are held 1-1 at home in Port of Spain by Costa Rica.

ARGENTINA: Independiente close out their season with the satisfaction of a 1-0 win over River Plate. The new champions finish eight points clear of Boca Juniors. River Plate are fourth, 17 points behind Independiente — sparking rumours that coach Cesar Luis Menotti may soon by working back in Europe.

FRANCE: Montpellier spring a major transfer coup by signing disaffected Eric Cantona from Marseille and Sochaux starlet Stephane Paille. Cantona will, initially, join Montpellier on loan for a year. Paille agrees to sign a three-year contract.

ITALY: This time it is thousands of Inter fans who take to the streets after a 2-1 win over nearest rivals Napoli means Inter are sure of the league title with four games remaining. West German midfielder Lothar Matthaus scores the winner with an 84th-minute free kick. Napoli skipper Diego Maradona returned to Italy (with his girlfriend and new baby daughter) only the day before the game.

NORWAY: Lillestrom maintain their lead despite being held goalless at home by Kongsvinger.

PORTUGAL: Benfica fail in their bid to win the double when the league champions surprisingly lose 2-1 to Belenenses in the cup final. Chico Faria opens the scoring for Belenenses after 25 minutes and Vata Garcia equalises in the 74th. Benfica's Valdo and Belenenses' Jose Mario are both sent off before Jose Juanico snatches an 81st-minute winner for Belenenses from a free kick.

SPAIN: Real Madrid restore their four-point advantage over Barcelona with a 4-0 thrashing of Cadiz. Gordillo, Sanchis, Hugo Sanchez and Butragueno score the goals.

TURKEY: Fenerbahce win 1-0 away to Bursaspor and now lead Besiktas (held 1-1 away to Adanademirspor) by four points with four games to play. Fenerbahce owe their victory to an Ismail penalty.

MONDAY, MAY 29

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Indonesia and Japan draw 0-0 in front of 80,000 in Jakarta.

FRANCE: Marseille strengthen their defence for next season's Champions' Cup campaign by signing Brazilian centre-back Mozer from Benfica . . . Mo Johnston says he will stay with Nantes after all, despite being expected to return to Celtic.

SPAIN: Espanol Barcelona offer their managerial vacancy to Allan Harris, formerly aide to Barcelona and currently No 2 to Terry Venables at Tottenham.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA announce that president Joao Havelange will miss the World Under-16 Championship in Scotland after being ordered to rest for two months by doctors treating him for spinal problems and overwork . . . Swiss caretaker manager Paul Wolfisberg names newcomers Stephane Chapuisat (son of a famous father) and Rene Sutter in his squad for the World Cup qualifier against Czechoslovakia in Bern.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

ACTION: Iran beat Thailand 3-0 in a rearranged World Cup-tie in Tehran. Farshad Pyos (two) and Mohsen Garoosi score the goals in front of a 62,000 crowd . . . Scotland beat Chile 2-0 at Hampden in the Rous Cup but England win the Cup . . . Finland and Holland draw 1-1 in a European under-21 qualifier.

ITALY: Eight hooligans arrested after street clashes in Genoa are given suspended sentences of two years' jail. Eight others are acquitted.

POLAND: Gornik midfielder Ryszard Komornicki agrees to join Swiss club Aarau at the end of the season.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

ACTION: In the World Cup European zone, Holland win 1-0 in Finland, the Soviet Union are surprisingly held 1-1 at home by Iceland and Wales draw 0-0 with West Germany in the rugby stronghold of Cardiff Arms Park. Norway beat Austria 4-1 in a friendly, while Sweden beat Algeria 2-0 . . . Atletico Nacional of Colombia win the South American club cup for the first time. After beating Olimpia of Paraguay 2-0 in Bogota, the Colombians win the resulting penalty shoot-out 5-4 . . . in the European under-21 event, Iceland and West Germany draw 1-1 and Spain beat Cyprus 1-0 . . . Brazil beat Italy 1-0 in an under-16 match in Rio.

BELGIUM: Veteran Antwerp coach Georg Kessler turns down an offer from Feyenoord and decides to retire instead.

FRANCE: Marseille lose 1-0 to Montpellier on the last day of the league season, to finish three points clear of Paris Saint-Germain. Lille end their season in style with an 8-0 thrashing of Laval. Glenn Hoddle and Georges Weah score two goals each as Monaco beat Nantes 4-1.

ITALY: Bologna say they have signed Brazilians Geovani (Vasco da Gama) and Esidio Nilson (Internacional) in a joint deal worth a total of £2.7million.

SWITZERLAND: Luzern stay on title course with a 1-0 win away to outgoing champions Xamax Neuchatel. Second-placed Grasshoppers thrash Servette 6-1.

YUGOSLAVIA: Vojvodina make sure of their first league title in more than 20 years when they beat Sloboda Tuzla 4-2. This provides the Novisad club with a three-point advantage over Red Star with only one game remaining.

Guy Thys

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

ACTION: In the World Cup, Belgium celebrate Guy Thys's 100th match as manager by beating Luxembourg 5-0 in Lille. Marc Van der Linden scores a hat-trick.

ITALY: The players' union decides to consult its members on a national strike on June 11 after negotiations with the federation to reduce transfer fees end in deadlock . . . Diego Maradona is reported to the disciplinary commission for saying referee Luigi Agnolin, who refereed the weekend's Inter v Napoli match, was biased in favour of Inter . . . Fiorentina secretary Nardino Previdi flies to Barcelona to open negotiations for the possible transfer of Gary Lineker.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich offer Aston Villa £1million for Scotland striker Alan McInally.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

ACTION: England beat Poland 2-1 at Plymouth in the European under-21 championship.

CONTINUED

DIARY

WORLD SOCCER'S GLOBAL NEW

CANADA: Defender Colin Miller, who plays in Scotland for Hamilton, is called up by Canada for the forthcoming friendly against Belgium in Ottawa. But Miller will not be available for an international tournament in Morocco in July since Hamilton need Miller, their newly-appointed player-coach, for pre-season training.

FRANCE: Cannes buy Bayern Munich's sweeper Norbert Nachtweih and Sweden striker Johnny Ekstrom for a joint fee of £1million.

ITALY: Paolo Casarin, former international referee and now an official of the Italian World Cup organising set-up, says that despite political and financial problems, everything will be ready on time for the finals next year.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

ACTION: England easily beat Poland 3-0 in a World Cup qualifier at Wembley. Lineker, Barnes and Webb score the goals. In the Asian zone, Singapore draw 2-2 with Malaysia and South Korea beat Nepal 4-0 . . . Egypt beat Chile 2-0 in a Cairo friendly . . . in the semi-finals of the Marlboro Cup, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, there are 2-1 victories for the United States over Benfica and for Peru over America Cali . . . Australia lose 4-1 to Greek club PAOK Salonika in Melbourne.

BRAZIL: National boss Sebastiao Lazaroni includes five European-based players in his 18-strong squad for the friendly against Portugal. The five are Valdo, Ricardo and Mozer of Benfica, Branco of Porto and Silas of Sporting Lisbon. PSV Eindhoven refuse to release top-scoring striker Romario. Squad: Acacio, Ze Carlos; Jorginho, Aldair, Andre Cruz, Mazinho, Ricardo Gomes, Mozer, Branco; Bernardo, Cristovao, Edu, Geovani, Valdo, Silas; Bebeto, Charles, Ze Carlos, Bismarck.

FRANCE: Celtic's Irish Republic centre-back Mick McCarthy signs for Lyon. But sensational claims that Marseille have lined up Diego Maradona are denied by Napoli's Argentine superstar . . . in the cup semi-final second legs, Marseille win 1-0 away to Auxerre (3-0 on aggregate) and Monaco beat Sochaux 5-3 on penalties (after a goalless draw both in the second leg and on aggregate).

SPAIN: Barcelona's hopes of catching Real Madrid fade further as they are held 1-1 away to Sevilla. In the UEFA Cup place chase, Atletico Madrid beat Valladolid 3-2.

TURKEY: With one round remaining, Fenerbahce make sure of the league title by thrashing Konyaspor 4-1.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich move within one point of the league title thanks to a 5-0 thrashing of Bayer Uerdingen. Dorfner and Flick score twice each after Bayern's account is opened by Cannes-bound Johnny Ekstrom.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

ACTION: The Irish Republic continue their World Cup progress with a 2-0 victory over Hungary. In the Asian zone, Japan beat North Korea 2-1 and Hong Kong and Indonesia draw 1-1.

BELGIUM: Anderlecht beat Standard 2-0 in the cup final with goals from imports Eddie Krncevic and Milan Jankovic.

ITALY: A 19-year-old Roma fan dies of heart failure after being set upon by a group of Milan fans before the Milan v Roma game at San Siro. Planned celebrations to mark Milan's first home game since their Champions' Cup triumph are cancelled . . . Milan release Ruud Gullit from playing for the rest of the season so as to recover fully from his knee injury. Pisa slip further towards the second division after a 1-0 defeat away to Cesena.

SPAIN: Real Madrid draw 2-2 away to Malaga thanks to two goals from Hugo Sanchez and now need just two points to clinch the championship.

YUGOSLAVIA: The season ends with new champions Vojvodina losing 4-1 away to Partizan. Vojvodina still finish three points clear of Red Star. Hajduk are third and Rad Belgrade fourth.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

ACTION: South Korea qualify for the final stage of the Asian World Cup section by defeating Malaysia 3-0 thanks to second half goals from Shim Bong Sup, Park Kyung Hoon and Hwangbo Kwan. Singapore thrash Nepal 7-0 . . . the United States win the Marlboro Cup in New Jersey by defeating Peru 3-0 in the final. Brian Bliss, Tab Ramos and Bruce Murray score the goals. In the third place match Benfica beat America Cali 2-1.

ITALY: Careca signs to stay with Napoli until 1993. Earlier this past season he signed to stay until 1991 . . . three Milan fans are charged with accessories to murder over the death of Roma fan Antonio De Falchi at San Siro on Sunday.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA announce that Iran's World Cup qualifiers against China have been postponed, at the Iranians' request because of the political chaos in China.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

ITALY: Luca di Montezemolo, head of the Italian World Cup organising committee, warns that Turin will be dropped from the finals unless the city council can quickly give the go-ahead on further development of the new 70,000-capacity stadium being built. Montezemolo says: "If the necessary decisions are not taken by the end of June then we are preparing contigency plans to replace Turin." . . . Verona say that Argentine star Claudio Caniggia is up for sale. He missed almost half the season because of a broken ankle . . . Ottavio Bianchi says he will be staying on, after all, as coach to Napoli . . . Juventus take an option on Borussia Dortmund midfielder Andreas Moller in case an attempt to sign Kiev's Alexei Mikhailichenko falls through.

WEST GERMANY: Koln are held goalless away to struggling Stuttgart Kickers — which means Bayern Munich are sure of the league title.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

ACTION: Switzerland lose 1-0 to Czechoslovakia in the World Cup qualifiers. Tomas Skuhravy scores the goal which virtually ends all Swiss interest in who goes to Italy. South Korea beat Singapore 3-0 and Malaysia beat Nepal 3-0 . . . in a Copenhagen friendly, Denmark and England draw 1-1 — an excellent result for England considering the Danes' form this spring. Peter Shilton plays a record-breaking 109th international for England . . . in the European under-21s, San Marino make their international debut with a 5-0 home defeat by Switzerland.

BELGIUM: Mechelen's Israeli forward, Eli Ohana, has agreed to join Udinese, according to a statement from the Italian club.

ENGLAND: Ipswich decide to keep Soviet international Sergei Baltacha for a further year.

HOLLAND: An air tragedy for Dutch football; 15 players are killed when a Surinam Airways airliner crashes near Zanderij airport, Paramaribo, Surinam. The players, all of Surinam background, were on an end-of-season tour. The dead are later named as Florian Vijent (Telstar), Rudy Degenaar (Heracles), Steve Van Dorpel (Volendam), Lloyd Doesburg (Ajax reserve goalkeeper), Ruben Kogeldans (Willem II), Radjin de Haan (Telstar), Edu Nandall (Vitesse), Andy Scharmin (Twente), Sigi Lens (Fortuna Sittard), Ortwin Linger (Haarlem), Frits Goodings (Wageningen), Elfried Veldman (De Graafaschap), Fred Patrick (Pec/Zwolle), Androk Knel (NAC) and Wendel Fraser (SVV).

ITALY: More than 10,000 people attend the funeral of Roma fan Antonio De Falchi, who died in a hooligan incident in Milan. Slogans had been daubed on walls near the funeral church proclaiming: "Milan cowards, you will pay," and "Antonio — we will avenge you." Among mourners were Roma president Dino Viola and players Giannini, Nela and Peruzzi . . . in the first leg of the Italian cup final, Napoli beat Sampdoria 1-0 thanks to a 55th-minute goal from Alessandro Renica.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil tells coach Colin Addison that he should let Javier Clemente, who takes over this summer, help him prepare for the Spanish cup semi-final against Real Madrid. Addison refuses and Atletico go down 2-0 at home in the first leg. In the other semi-final second division Coruna hold a 1-0 advantage over Valladolid.

SWEDEN: National boss Olle Nordin recalls midfielder Glenn Stromberg, now recovered from measles, for the Copenhagen triangular tournament which will include matches against Denmark and Brazil. Squad: T.Ravelli, Eriksson; Hysen, N.Larsson, Ljung, Lonn, Vaattovaara, R.Nilsson, Schiller; Ingesson, Limpar, J.Nilsson, Thern, Prytz, Stromberg, Rehn; Dahlin, Ekstrom, Hellstrom, Magnusson.

SWITZERLAND: Hearts' appeal against a UEFA fine for going ahead with a prohibited TV transmission of a UEFA Cup-tie against Bayern Munich in February, backfires on them. UEFA, having since learned that Hearts' TV fee amounted to £80,000, step up the fine from £37,315 to £93,285. Hearts may also yet be liable for compensatory claims from the West German federation and from Stuttgart, who were playing Real Sociedad in the same competition that night.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

ACTION: Brazil beat Portugal 4-0 in a friendly.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

ACTION: In the reawakening African zone World Cup qualifiers, Nigeria beat Cameroon 2-0 in the top match of the weekend. Egypt earn a goalless draw in Kenya and there is a 2-0 win for Angola against Gabon . . . Scotland open 'their' World Under-16 championship with a goalless draw against Ghana. Brazil lose 1-0 to the United States.

FRANCE: Jean-Pierre Papin is Marseille's hat-trick hero as they land the double by defeating Monaco 4-3 in the cup final.

SPAIN: Gary Lineker tells Barcelona that his World Cup ambitions are such that he would prefer to be transferred back to England — and Tottenham — rather than join a mid-table Italian team at the end of the season.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

BRAZIL: Botafogo win the Rio Cup, the second round of the Rio state championship. Flamengo could have pulled level on points but lose 2-1 to Vasco da Gama. Botafogo and Flamengo (winners of the first stage of the league) now play off for the Rio championship title.

CYPRUS: AEL beat Aris 3-2 after extra time in the all-Limassol cup final.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Sparta are held 1-1 away to Dukla Banska Bystrica so Banik Ostrava, 4-1 winners at home to Slavia, pull up to within a point of the leaders.

ITALY: Inter become the highest points-scorers in the history of the 18-club league after an exciting 4-2 victory over Atalanta. Inter, who hit back from a goal down, now have 56 points from 32 games — one point more than the previous record, set by Juventus in 1960 . . . Napoli cause a scandal by resting six first-teamers for the 2-0 defeat by Ascoli — and by substituting Careca with their reserve goalkeeper during the second half!

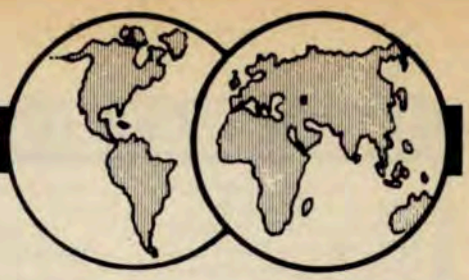
LUXEMBOURG: Union Sportive beat Avenir Beggen 2-0 in the cup final.

SPAIN: Real Madrid crush struggling Espanol 3-0 to make sure of the league title. Butragueno, Hugo Sanchez and Gordillo score the goals — and Hugo Sanchez is also sent off. Madrid lead Barcelona by four points with two games to play and their better record in direct matches between the clubs means they would have a decisive advantage even if Barcelona pulled level on points.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

ACTION: The World Under-16 championship starts to pick up speed in Scotland. Second day results include Scotland's 3-0 defeat of Cuba, Argentina's goalless draw with Nigeria and Bahrain's 1-0 victory over Ghana. East Germany beat the United States 5-2.

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY KEIR RADNEDGE



BRAZIL: National boss Lazaroni names an 18-strong squad for the forthcoming European tour. He will be Brazil's Italy-based stars as well as several home-based players, needed by their clubs for the state championship play-offs. Sqaud: Acacio, Taffarel; Paulo Roberto, Mazinho, Branco, Ricardo Gomes, Mozer, Andre Cruz; Bernardo, Geovani, Edu, Valdo, Silas; Bismarck, Charles, Gerson da Silva, Careca II, Cristovao.

ENGLAND: England manager Bobby Robson says that he will not resign following Sunday newspaper reports about his private life.

ITALY: Bari deny reports that they are about to sign Kalusha Bwalya, Africa's Footballer of the Year, who starred against Italy for Zambia at last year's Seoul Olympics. Kalusha plays currently for Cercle Bruges.

SPAIN: Colin Addison becomes the latest victim of Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil and leaves the club 'by mutual agreement' with two games of the season remaining. Antonio Briones takes over as caretaker for the rest of the league programme and the cup semi-final return against Real Madrid . . . Barcelona sell winger Jose Francisco Carrasco to Sochaux of France.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA announce that Sochaux of France and Dinamo Zagreb of Yugoslavia may have to play off for a place in next season's UEFA Cup if Albania do not take up their right to enter a substitute team for suspended Partizani of Tirana. The play-off would be needed because France and Yugoslavia have identical Eurpopean coefficients.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich and Aston Villa finally agree the £1million sale of Scotland striker Alan McInally.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

ACTION: Norway lose 1-0 to Yugoslavia in the European under-21 qualifiers.

ITALY: Marco Van Basten turns his back on the lure of Barcelona and Johan Cruyff and agrees to sign a contract extension with Milan which will keep him in Italy until 1993. Van Basten's new contract is worth £2.2million . . . the federation reports Napoli to the disciplinary commission for not fielding the strongest possible team the previous weekend against Ascoli.

PORTUGAL: Benfica sign Flamengo defender Aldair for £700,000 as replacement for Marseille-bound Mozer.

SPAIN: Midfield star Michel says he wants to leave Real Madrid, his only club, because he feels he has been made the fans' scapegoat for Madrid's Champions' Cup crash against Milan.

SWITZERLAND: Uli Stielike will start one game earlier than planned as national manager of Switzerland. His contract runs from July 1 but Paul Wolfisberg, who had been appointed caretaker after the dismissal of Daniel Jenadupeux tells the federation there is no point delaying Stielike's takeover until after the forthcoming friendly against Brazil.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

ACTION: Another World Cup point for Iceland, as they hold Austria goalless in Reykjavik. Yugoslavia win 2-1 in Norway . . . Denmark thrash Sweden by an astonishing 6-0 in the opening match of the Copenhagen triangular tournament to celebrate the DBU centenary. Elstrup scores twice with Michael Laudrup the star . . . in the World Under-16s, Bahrain hold Scotland 1-1 but both qualify for the quarter-finals. Brazil beat East Germany 2-1.

BRAZIL: Fernando Collor de Mello, leading candidate in the presidential election campaign, promises he will do all he can to bring the 1998 World Cup finals to Brazil.

FRANCE: Marseille president Bernard Tapie says he does not want to hear anything more about a bid for Diego Maradona.

HUNGARY: Honved beat Ferencvaros 1-0 in the cup final — which is marred by serious hooligan trouble. During the match angry fans try to tear down a fence and Ferencvaros fans throw bottles and fireworks and other missiles at police officers. At the final whistle, 250 fans invade the pitch and are beaten back by truncheon-wielding police. Outside the stadium Ferencvaros fans damage cars, flatten part of an underground station wall and sell fire to a platform.

ITALY: Marco Van Basten scores once and plays the star role as Milan beat Sampdoria in the 1988 Supercup against last year's cup-winners, Sampdoria.

RUMANIA: Dinamo Bucharest agree to sell veteran centre-forward Rodion Camataru to Charleroi of Belgium for £200,000. Camataru was a controversial 44-goal Golden Boot-winner in 1986-87.

SWITZERLAND: Luzern end the Swiss season as champions, three points clear of Grasshoppers. The last match of veteran West German Karl-Heinz Rummenigge's career is Servette's 4-2 win over Bellinzona. He opens the score from a free kick to finish as the league's 24-goal top scorer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

ENGLAND: Manchester United prepare to spend more than £2million as they sign Nottingham Forest's England midfielder Neil Webb and Norwich midfield general Michael Phelan.

POLAND: Wojciech Lazarek quits as national manager after the World Cup defeats by Sweden and England. Outgoing federation president Jerzy Domanski says: "New faces are needed to carry through deep changes in our national game."

SPAIN: Real Madrid stars Emilio Butragueno and Rafael Gordillo appeal for Michel to change his mind about wanting to leave the club in the wake of fans' criticism.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

ACTION: Sweden make some amends for their Denmark disaster by beating Brtazil 2-1 in Copenhagen. Rehn and Ljung (penalty) score the goals.

BELGIUM: Antwerp appoint one of their former coaches, Yugoslav Dimitri Davidovic, to succeed retiring Georg Kessler.

BULGARIA: Slavia Sofia sell international striker Petar Alexandrov to Kortijk of Belgium.

ENGLAND: The ID cards legislation completes its stages in the House of Lords on a 96-83 vote of approval. A final vote in the House of Commons in not expected until after recommendations from the Hillsborough inquiry have been included — meaning it is unlikely an ID card scheme can be in place for next season.

ITALY: Fiorentina, accepting that they will not land Gary Lineker, agree to buy Brazil's Walter Casagrande from Ascoli. Udinese open negotiations to buy Turkey's Ridvan Dilmen from Fenerbahce after being turned down by Eli Ohana, mechelen's Israeli striker . . . there are renewed rumours in Naples that Ottavio Bianchi may leave at the end of the season, a year early, after all. Napoli have been linked with Argentina manager Carlos Bilardo . . . Juventus' Dane, Michael Laudrup, says negotiations for his transfer to Barcelona have reached an advanced stage.

SCOTLAND: At the World Under-16s, Portugal goalkeeper Paulo Santos is sent home by FIFA and fined £3,500 for dropping his shorts at Tynecastle after the match against Guinea which qualified Portugal for the quarter-finals.

SPAIN: Real Madrid president Ramon Mendoza says the board has agreed that Michel should be expected to honour a contract which ties him to the club until 1996.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifier, the United States beat Guatemala 2-1 in New Britain with goals from Bruce Murray and Eric Eichmann . . . the President's Cup opens in Seoul with South Korea drawing 1-1 against the United States and Benfica beating Hungary's youth team 2-0 . . . in the World Under-16s, Scotland, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Portugal win through to the semi-finals. Bahrain need penalties to beat Brazil, the Saudis need penalties to beat Nigeria.

ARGENTINA: National manager Carlos Bilardo names both Diego and Hugo Maradona in his squad for the South American championship. preliminary squad: Pumpido, Islas; Ruggeri. Brown, Clausen, Diaz, Fabbri, Sensini, Monzon, Olarticoechea; Batista, Enrique, Giusti, Burruchaga, Troglio, Simeone, Basualdo, Hugo Maradona; Diego Maradona, Calderon, Caniggia, Balbo, Alfaro Moreno.

FRANCE: The French league decides to cut the number of first division clubs from 20 to 18 in time for the 1991-92 season. The limit on foreign players will also be raised from two to three, as long as one player is from the EC. It is also decided to drop three-points-for-a-win and return to two.

RUMANIA: Steaua beat Flacara Moreni 4-1 to ensure they retain the league title. Steaua lead Dinamo by three points with one game to go.

Alexander Zavarov

SOVIET UNION: Minsk midfielder Sergei Aleinikov is to join Italian club Genoa later this summer on a three-year contract. The fee is £900,000. Genoa also hope to sign Alexander Zavarov from Juventus.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich wrap up their title season in fine style with a 5-0 thrashing of Bochum. Roland Wohlfarth scores four times in front of a 68,000 crowd. Koln finish runners-up, Hannover and Stuttgart Kickers are relegated, while Eintracht Frankfurt must play off for survival against the third-placed second division club, Saarbrucken.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

ACTION: Denmark are at it again, this time wiping the floor with Brazil to the tune of 4-0. Michael Laudrup is again the key man and scores twice. There is also a penalty goal for Morten Olsen before he is substituted during his 102nd and last international . . . in the World Under-16s, the excellent support of the Motherwell crowd is rewarded with the switch to Fir Park (from Hampden) of the semi-final between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

ITALY: Inter suffer their first defeat since February as they go down 2-0 to struggling Torino. Inter are handicapped by the absences of suspended West Germans Matthaus and Brehme.

SPAIN. Referee Angel Calvo needs riot squad protection after allowing a controversial Barcelona equaliser in their 1-1 draw away to struggling Cadiz. Champions Real Madrid, fielding seven reserves in their last-but-one game, easily beat relegation-bound Elche 3-1. Madrid are protecting the stars for the forthcoming cup semi-final return against Atletico Madrid.

TURKEY: Fenerbahce lose 2-1 to Malatyaspor but win on away goals (2-2 agg) to qualify for the cup final. They will face old rivals Besiktas, who beat Konyaspor 31 (5-2 on agg).

WEST GERMANY: Homburg beat Schalke 2-1 to bounce straight back into the first division behind Fortuna Dusseldorf.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

MONDAY, MAY 15
Asuncion — intl friendly
Paraguay 1 (Britez Roman 63)
Peru 1 (Requena 75 pen)
HT: 0-0. Att: 20,000. Ref: Estanislao Barrientos (Par)

Paraguay: Fernandez — Caceres, Rivarola, Caballero, Ruiz Viera (Aranda) — Franco, Ferreira, Almiron — Escobar, Britez Roman, Palacios.

Peru: Purizaga — Carranza, Requena, Del Solar, Talavera — Reyna, Basalar (Yanez), Cervera, Torres — Zegarra (Rey Munoz), Rodriguez.

PARAGUAY had the better of the game until their goal then relaxed too soon.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
Lima — intl friendly
Peru 2 (Zegarra 63, Rey Munoz 82)
Venezuela 1 (Dominguez 75)
HT: 0-0. Att: 25,000. Ref: Walter Barrios (Per)

Peru: Purizaga — Sanjinez, Requena, Del Solar, Guido — Reynoso, Basalar (Yanez), Cordero, (Zegarra), Rodriguez, Torres (Arguedas), Rey Munoz.

Venezuela: Baena — Paz, H.Rivas, Torres, Rojas (Pacheco), Acosta, San Vicente (Carrero), Laureano, Maldonaldo (Dominguez), Marquez, Jaimes.

PERU dominated most of the way in this poor game but excessive individualism among their forwards cost them goals. Venezuela's star was goalkeeper Baena

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Leipzig — WC Euro gp 3
East Germany 1 (Kirsten 86)
Austria 1 (Polster 3)
HT: 0-1. Att: 20,000. Ref: Constantin (Bel)

E.Germany: Weissflog — Kreer (Doll 46), Trautmann, Stahmann, Lindner — Stubner, Steinmann, Rohde, Sammer (Weidemann 68) — Kirsten, Thom.

Austria: Linderberger — Weber, Russ, Peci, Pfeffer — Zsak, Rodax (Ogris 67), Prohaska, Herzog (Stoger 60), Artner — Polster.

AUSTRIA dragged Herbert Prohaska back out of international retirement for a match which they so nearly won. Only a late equaliser by Ulf Kirsten saved the East Germans. Austria went ahead in the third minute when Trautmann miscued his interception to Zsak's pass into Polster's path. The East German equaliser was similarly confused: Lindner's effort ricocheting off Thom to allow Kirsten to shoot past Lindenberger.

SUNDAY, MAY 21
Oslo — WC Euro gp 5
Norway 3 (Osvold 17, Sorloth 34, Bratseth 35)
Cyprus 1 (Koliandris 44)
HT: 3-1. Att: 10,271. Ref: Mikkelsen (Den)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Halle, Kojedal, Bratseth, Giske — Lokken, Serkh (Gulbrandsen 82), Osvold, Jakobsen — Sorloth (Agdestein 61), Fjortoft.

Cyprus: Charitou — Kastanas, Pittas, Christodolu, Socratous — Yiagudakis, Koliandris (Andrelis 89), Nicolau, Savrides (Orfanidis 87) — Petsas, Ioannou.

NORWAY took early command and Cyprus held out only until Christodolu's head deflected into his own goal an Osvold free kick. A long shot by Sorloth then caught Haritou off guard and two minutes later Bratseth, Norway's best player, dribbled upfield for a superb solo third.

TUESDAY, MAY 23
Wembley — Rous Cup
England 0
Chile 0
Att: 15,628 (record Wembley intl low). Ref: Fredriksson (Swe).

England: Shilton — Parker, Walker, Butcher, Pearce, Webb, Robson, Gascoigne, Clough, Fashanu (Cottee 70), Waddle.

Chile: Rojas — Reyes, Contreras, Gonzalez, Pizarro, Rubio, Ormeno, Covarrubias (Letelier 46), Astengo, Espinoza, Hurtado (Vera 55).

CHILE complained afterwards that they were unused to the European style and power; England and their few fans went home muttering complaints about time-wasting. Certainly the Rous Cup organisers must think long and hard about whether the competition should continue in its present format or whether it is time to find European opposition. Not surprisingly, Nigel Clough's first appearance for his country was not a very happy one and John Fashanu provided an all-too-predictable moment of disciplinary concern when his elbow caught Astengo full in the face in an off-the-ball skirmish. A Tube strike helped keep the attendance down to a record low for an England game at Wembley. Roberto Rojas secured the draw for Chile with fine saves from Gascoigne, Clough and Waddle. And when Rojas was beaten, in the last minute, Leonel Contreras cleared off the line a spectacular effort from substitute Tony Cottee. At the other end Peter Shilton was called on for only two saves of major effect. England manager Bobby Robson said: "Chile got away with certain things. But you punish them by beating them and we didn't manage that although we had most of the play, most of the chances."

Quito — intl friendly
Ecuador 1 (Aviles 57)
Uruguay 1 (Herrera 89)
HT: 0-0. Att: 20,000. Ref: Adolfo Quirola (Ec)

Ecuador: Morales — Izquierdo, Macias, Quinonez, Capurro — Cuvi (Munoz), Rosero, Fajardo, Aguinaga (Guerrero) — Aviles, Tenorio.

Uruguay: Zeoli — Herrera, Revelez, De Leon, Pintos Saldana (Borges) — Perdomo, Pereira, Suarez — Martinez, Aguilera (Da Silva), Dalto.

AN EQUALISER in the last minute by fullback Herrera saved Uruguay from defeat in the nick of the time.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Lima — friendly intl
Peru 1 (Dal Orso 31)
Brazil 1 (Cristovao 29)
HT: 1-1. Att: 3,000. Ref: Leifringi (Peru)

Peru: Purizaga — Talavera (Guido), Requena, Olaechea, Olivares — Del Solar, Reynoso, Manassero (Zegarra) — Rodriguez Martin, Dal Orso, Rey Munoz.

Brazil: Ze Carlos — Jorginho, Mauro Galvao, Andre Cruz, Mazinho (Nelsinho) — Bernardo, Bismarck (Nilson), Bobo (Edu) — Ze Carlos, Cristovao, Zinho.

FOR both teams this was a further World Cup/South American championship warm-up. Brazil thus remained unbeaten in five matches under new manager Sebastiao Lazaroni. There was a Brazilian on the Peru bench, as well, in former Santos star Pepe.

THURSDAY, MAY 25
Cochabamba — intl friendly
Bolivia 3 (Pena 19, Garcia 38, 50)
Paraguay 2 (Rojas 68, Franco 87)
HT: 1-0. Att: 30,000. Ref: Oscar Oturbe (Bol)

Bolivia: Galarza — Roca, Arias, Martinez, Rimba, Borja, Soria, Melgar, Sanchez (Takeo), Pena (Salinas), Garcia (Paniagua).

Paraguay: Fernandez — Jacquet, Rivarola, Caballero, Caceres, B.Ferreira, J.Ferreira (Rojas), Rivero, Franco, Britez Roman, Palacios.

FRIDAY, MAY 26
Belfast — intl friendly
N.Ireland 0
Chile 1 (Astengo 44)
HT: 0-1. Att: 2,500. Ref: G.Smith (Scot)

N.Ireland: Wright — Fleming, McDonald, Donaghy, Rogan, D.Wilson (Dennison 75), McCreery (C.O'Neill 75), M.O'Neill, K.Wilson (Black 64), Quinn (Coyle 64), Clarke.

Chile: Rojas — Espinoza, Gonzalez, Contreras, Astengo (Olmo 45), Reyes, Vera, Hisis, Hurtado (Covarrubias 46), Pizarro, Letelier (Perez 85).

MOST of Northern Ireland's fans preferred to stay home to watch the English league showdown between Liverpool and Arsenal live on television. That cost the Irish FA at least £30,000 in lost revenue and Fernando Astengo rubbed salt in the wound by scoring the only goal just before half-time after a neat move between Hurtado and Vera. Irish attempts to equalise were thwarted by the secure goalkeeping of Rojas who made fine saves from Rogan, Michael O'Neill and Donaghy.

SATURDAY, MAY 27
Glasgow/Hampden — Rous Cup
Scotland 0
England 2 (Waddle 20, Bull 82)
HT: 0-1. Att: 63,282. Ref: Vautrot (Fr)

Scotland: Leighton — McKimmie, McLeish, McPherson, Malpas, Nevin, Aitken, McStay, Connor (Granty 57), Johnston, McCoist.

England: Shilton — Stevens, Walker, Butcher, Pearce, Steven, Webb, Robson, Waddle, Fashanu (Bull 31), Cottee (Gascoigne 75).

CHRIS Waddle scored with a diving header midway through the first half and Wolves' Steve Bull crowned his explosive rise to stardom with a debut goal after easily making the jump from third division to international. The tale off the pitch was of 96 arrests in the stadium and another 150 elsewhere. Generally the police had more security work than the England defence in a game marred because of the absences, for various reasons, of first-choice players on both sides. Shilton made sharp saves from Grant, McCoist and Aitken but England always appeared to have more direction in midfield where Trevor Steven slotted in efficiently again alongside Robson and Webb.

Brussels — intl friendly
Belgium 1 (Van der Linden 77 pen)
Yugoslavia 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 8,000. Ref: Rumenthaler (Swz)

Belgium: Preud'homme — Sanders, De Sart, Albert, Versavel — Scifo (Van der Linden 46), Vervoort, Emmers, F.Van der Elst — Ceulemans (Nilis 40), Degryse (Veyt 75).

Yugoslavia: Ivkovic (Omerovic 60) — Stanojkovic, Spasic, Milojevic, Zoran Vujovic (Brnovic 46) — Djurovski, Zlatko Vujovic, Susic, Jankovic — Stojkovic (Savicevic 46), Jakovljevic.

A LATE penalty brought Belgium, preparing for their World Cup visit to Lille to play Luxembourg, a narrowly-deserved victory. Danny Veyt was brought down by Dragoljub Brnovic as he chased a pass from Patrick Vervoort and Marc Van der Linden did the necessary from the penalty spot. Yugoslavia were denied an equaliser by a fine save in the 85th minute by Michel Preud'homme to an effort by Dragan Jakovljevic.

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Dublin — WC Euro gp 6
Rep.Ireland 2 (Houghton 32, Moran 55)
Malta 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 49,600. Ref: Rosa dos Santos (Por)

Rep.Ireland: Bonner — Hughton, Staunton, O'Leary, Moran, Whelan, McGrath, Houghton (Townsend 69), Stapleton (Aldridge 22), Cascarino, Sheedy.

Malta: Cluett — Camilleri, Azzopardi, Galea, S.Vella, Buttigieg, Busuttil, R.Vella, Scerri, Degiorgio, Gregory.

JACK Charlton's men moved up into second place in the group as a result of this straightforward win. Ray Houghton collected a pass from Tony Cascarino and rode one rugged tackle to score the first goal. Kevin Moran converted a pass from Kevin Sheedy for the second early in the second half. Charlton was angry afterwards that Ronnie Whelan had collected a yellow card (his second of the qualifiers and thus suspension from the next match, against Hungary) for pushing Carmel Busuttil to the ground.

TUESDAY, MAY 30
Glasgow/Hampden — Rous Cup
Scotland 2 (McInally 4, MacLeod 52)
Chile 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 9,006. Ref: Ponnet (Bel)

Scotland: Leighton — McKimmie, Malpas, Aitken, McLeish, Gillespie (Whyte 70), Speedie (Johnston 46), Grant, MacLeod, McStay, McInally.

Chile: Rojas — Reyes, Contreras, Gonzalez, Pizarro, Rubio, Covarrubias (Letelier 46), Vera, Olmos, Hisis, Puebla.

SCOTLAND scored their first goals in the Rous Cup in front of a poor crowd which was Hampden's lowest for an international against foreign opposition. Alan McInally was the most effective forward on the pitch. He opened the scoring in the fourth minute, served up MacLeod's goal and was generally impressive enough for Bayern Munich general manager Uli Hoeness to be persuaded that McInally should lead their Champions' Cup charge next season. Chile looked dangerous in breakaways and Rubio forced a sharp save from Leighton in the 38th minute. Just after the break Leighton had to save with his legs from Puebla. But then MacLeod scored Scotland's second and the match faded. Ironically, Scotland's victory meant England won the Rous Cup.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
Helsinki — WC Euro gp 4
Finland 0
Holland 1 (Kieft 87)
HT: 0-0. Att: 46,217. Ref: Werner (Pol)

Finland: Laukkanen — Kanerva, Heikkinen, Europaeus, Holmgren, Myyry, Ukkonen (Tornvall 68), Ikalainen, Hjelm (Petaja 83), Paatelainen, Lipponen.

Holland: Van Breukelen — Van Tiggelen, R.Koeman, Rijkaard, Rutjes — Van Aerle, Vanenburg (Huistra 83), E.Koeman — Van Basten, Kieft, Ellerman (Gullit 55).

A RECORD crowd for a soccer match in Finland saw European champions Holland squeak a victory with three minutes to go. Superstar Ruud Gullit, nursing his convalescent knee, had said he would enter the game only if things were going wrong. Manager Thys Libregts made that admission ten minutes into the second half and Gullit proceeded to turn the match around. In the 82nd minute he opened the way for Kieft, but the PSV striker shot against a post. Five minutes later, after Gullit had outwitted three defenders on the right, Kieft made no mistake and even though Kari Laukkanen got his hand to the shot he could not keep it out of the net and Holland from going top of the group.

Moscow — WC Euro gp 3
Soviet Union 1 (Dobrovolsky 64)
Iceland 1 (Askelsson 86)
HT: 0-0. Att: 50,000. Ref: Keltanen (Fin)

Sov.Union: Dasayev — Kuznetsov, Luzhny, Gorlukovich, Rats, Aleinikov, Bessonov (Ketashvili 82), Dobrovolsky, Litovchenko, Protasov (Yuri Savichev 82), Zavarov.

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Edvaldsson, Agust Mar Jonsson, Bergsson, Gislasson, Sigurdur Jonsson, Thordarsson, Omar Torfasson (Kristiansson 82), Arnthorsson, Gretarsson, Gudmundur Torfasson (Askelsson 69).

ICELAND have always been awkward opponents for the Soviet Union and this match was no exception. The Soviets were weakened by a string of injuries which ruled out the likes of Mikhailichenko, Demianenko and Khidiatulin and their goal, in a scrappy match, came from an Igor Dobrovolsky free kick which found a gap in a poor wall and caught keeper Sigurdsson unsighted. Iceland equalised four minutes from time when substitute Askelsson chipped home a neat cross from Atli Edvaldsson.

Cardiff — WC Euro gp 4
Wales 0
West Germany 0
Att: 38,000. Ref: Silva Valente (Port)

Wales: Southall — Ratcliffe, Blackmore (Bowen 80), Aizlewood, Nicholas, Phillips, Horne, Williams (Pascoe 80), Saunders, Rush, Hughes.

West Germany: Illgner — Fach, Berthold, Buchwald, Alois Reinhardt, Brehme, Reuter, Hassler, Moller, Riedle (Klinsmann 77), Voller.

A WEAKENED West Germany (Matthaus suspended, Augenthaler injured, Klinsmann out of form) survived a late penalty claim to secure a draw in the rugby stronghold of Cardiff Arms Park. It appeared that defender Guido Buchwald handled in the penalty box in the dying minutes of the tie. That was the Germans' second escape. Just before half-time Illgner failed to hold a shot from Horne and Ian Rush's goal-bound prod was cleared out of goal by Reinhardt. German boss Franz Beckenbauer claimed that if Buchwald handled it was only because he had been pushed by Mark Hughes and therefore any penalty claim was invalid.

Oslo — intl friendly
Norway 4 (Halle 34, Fjortoft 38, Loeken 54, Kojedal 60)
Austria 1 (Ogris 66)
HT: 2-0. Att: 3,012. Ref: Rune Larsson (Swe)

Norway: By Rise — Halle, Kojedal, Johnsen, Bjornebye, Loeken (Gulbrandsen 67), Berg, Osvold, J.I.Jakobsen, Sorloth, Fjortoft (Agdestein 73).

Austria: Lindenberger (Konrad 46) — Russ, Pecl (Degiorgi 46), Pfeffer, H.Weber (Eigner 46), Zsak, Andy Ogris, Reisinger, Pacult (Stoger 64), Herzog (Rodax 64), Hortnagl.

NORWAY were surprising winners and might have won by a bigger margin. Manager Ingvar Stadheim might have chosen his words a little better when he told a radio interviewer: "This proves Norwegian football is still alive and kicking."

Orebro — intl friendly
Sweden 2 (Ingesson 33, 74)
Algeria 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 7,500. Ref: Nielsen (Den)

Sweden: T.Ravelli — R.Nilsson, Hysen, Ljung, Schiller, N.Larsson, Thern, Prytz (Ingesson 26), J.Nilsson, Ekstrom, Magnusson.

Algeria: El Habbi Larbi — Rachid Aghigh, Kamel Adjas, Mourad Rahmouni (Abdelkader Tlemcani 84), Fodil Megharia, Moussa Saib (Abderrazak Belgherbi 46), Abdelouahab Maiche, Lakhdar Belloumi, Cherif Elouazani, Mohamed Benabou, Rabah Madjer.

SUBSTITUTE Klas Ingesson took over from Robert Prytz, who had injured an arm in morning training, and scored twice to lead Sweden to a comfortable victory. First Ingesson collected a Magnusson pass and turned his defender before shooting home. Then he headed a long cross from Roland Nilsson over the advancing goalkeeper. Magnusson might have made it 3-0 four minutes from time but, with Larbi out of position, a defender made a spectacular clearance by backheeling over the bar.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Lille (Fr) — WC Euro gp 7
Luxembourg 0
Belgium 5 (Van der Linden 13, 52, 62, 89, Vervoort 64)
HT: 0-1. Att: 10,000. Ref: Alexandrov (SU)

Luxembourg: Van Rijswijck — Meunier, Scheur, Petry, Bossi — Girres, Birsens, Jeitz (Saibene 75), Scholten (Malget 83) — Krings, Langers.

Belgium: Preud'homme — Gerets, Demol, Sanders, Versavel — Emmers, Franky Van der Elst (Scifo 73), Vervoort — Van der Linden, Ceulemans, Degryse.

MARC Van der Linden led the retirement party for Belgian manager Guy Thys, whose 100th international in charge was also his last competitive game before he steps up to become general manager. The match was staged in Lille because of redevelopment work on the main Luxembourg stadium and Belgium quickly settled down to take the lead with a Van der Linden header to a high Gerets cross in the 13th minute. Vervoort and Ceulemans laid on a second for Van der Linden, whose third came from the penalty spot after Petry tripped Degryse. Vervoort scored himself with a swerving free kick, then had another 'goal' disallowed before Van der Linden wrapped it up after taking a Versavel pass beyond three defenders.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Wembley — WC Euro gp 2
England 3 (Lineker 23, Barnes 72, Webb 83)
Poland 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 69,203. Ref: Agnolin (It)

England: Shilton — Stevens, Walker, Butcher, Pearce — Webb, Robson, Waddle (Smith 77) — Lineker, Beardsley (Rocastle 77), Barnes.

Poland: Bako — Lukasik, Wijas, Wojcicki, Matysik, Prusik, Urban (Tarasiewicz 70), Furtok, Lesniak (Kosecki 60), Warzycha.

ENGLAND had none of the problems with Poland which they encountered back in 1973, on the Poles' last Wembley visit. Goals from Lineker, Barnes and Webb amply illustrated the gap in confidence and vigour between the teams. Peter Shilton kept his 58th clean sheet in a record-equalling 108 internationals. But it was Lineker who took the eye, not only for his goal but his creative role which saw him take a leading role in creating both the other two. Manager Bobby Robson said: "That was one of the best games Gary has played for me." Modest Lineker said: "When the team play well it makes it easier for me."

Cairo — intl friendly
Egypt 2 (Gamal Abdelhamid 9, Hisham Abdel Rasoul 41)
Chile 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 25,000. Ref: Ali Hussein (Egy)

Egypt: Shubier — Hassan (Gamal Abdel Hameed 46), H.Ramzy, Kassem, A.Ramzy — Abdedl Rasoul, Abdel Ghani (Immam Shoky 73), Yasin, Abdel Hameed — Al-Kas (Mohamed Abd Al-Ghil 62), Ragab.

Chile: Rojas — Reyes, Gonzalez, Contreras, Puebla, Vera, Hisis, Pizarro, Ramirez, Tudor Martinez.

EGYPT dominated this match which served as a warm-up for recommencement of African World Cup action. Gamal headed home an Ibrahim Hassan cross in the ninth minute and four minutes from the interval Hisham Abdel Rasoul beat two defenders for a solo second. Chile stepped up their game in the second half but three fine saves from Ahmed Shubier kept them at bay. This was by far Chile's poorest performance of their tour.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

East Rutherford, NJ — Marlboro Cup Final
United States 3 (Bliss 15, Ramos 18, Murray 44)
Peru 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 33,133. Ref: Douglas (Canada)

US: Meola — Trittschuh, Windischmann, Banks — Stollmeyer, Ramos, Bliss, Harkes — Gyau (Pastor 46), Eichmann, Murray (Gabarra 46).

Peru: Gonzalez (Purizaga 46) — Guido, Olaechea, Arteaga, Olivares — reinoso (Yanez 46), Del Solar, Manassero (Reyna 54) — Dal Orso (Loyola 69), Rodriguez, Rey Munoz (Torres 80).

THE United States took another decisive step down the round to respectability with this victory. First half goals from Brian Bliss, Tab Ramos and Bruce Murray provided the Americans with their first-ever three-goal display against South American international opposition. Peru came closest to a goal in the last minute. Percy Olivares shot past Tony Meola but his effort bounced back off the post. Meola, the 20-year-old called in after Jeff Duback damaged ribs in the semi-final victory over Benfica, then dived at Olivares's feet to smother a shot on the rebound. US national boss Bob Gansler missed the game — he was back home in Milwaukee attending his two sons' schoool graduations. Gansler watched the game on television and telephoned assistant Joe Machnik at half-time to pass on instructions to the team.

Dublin — WC Euro gp 6
Rep.Ireland 2 (McGrath 33, Cascarino 80)
Hungary 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 49,600. Ref: Nervik (Nor)

Rep.Ireland: Bonner — Hughton, Staunton, O'Leary, Moran, Townsend, McGrath (Morris 79), Houghton, Aldridge (Brady 74), Cascarino, Sheedy.

Hungary: P.Disztl — Kozma, Keller, L.Disztl, Fitos, Garaba, Meszaros (Vincze 71), Z.Bognar, Boda, Detari, Cseh (G.Bognar 65).

SKILFUL Hungary were just congratulating themselves on surviving the initial Irish assault when Paul McGrath fired home after a poor clearance by Garaba. Earlier Peter Disztl had saved well from Cascarino, Houghton and Aldridge and Aldridge had an effort cleared off the line by Keller. Hungary almost equalised in the 74th minute when Garaba, seeking to make amends, saw a shot deflect off Bonner's arm against a post. But the Irish response was quick and decisive: Houghton holding off Laszlo Disztl and crossing beyond the goalkeeper for Cascarino to outreach Fitos and head home from point-blank range.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Bern — WC Euro gp 7
Switzerland 0
Czechoslovakia 1 (Skuhravy 22)
HT: 0-1. Att: 30,000. Ref: Kohl (Aus)

Switzerland: Brunner — Koller, Weber, Schepull, Marini, Rene Sutter (Turkyilmaz 57), Geiger, Hermann, Alain Sutter, Beat Sutter (Zuffi 72), Halter.

Czechoslovakia: Stejskal — Bielik, Kocian, Kadlec, Bilek, Hasek, Chovanec (Nemecek 80), Moravcik, Griga, Skuhravy (Danek 55), Straka.

SWITZERLAND, now under the caretaker care of Paul Wolfisberg and Uli Stielike, saw their last hopes of reaching Italy wiped out — despite the presence of all three Sutters. Two fines saves by Martin Brunner from Hasek and Chovanec kept the Swiss in the game only until the 22nd minute when Tomas Skuhravy scored from close range after Peter Schepull deflected a corner to his feet.

Copenhagen — intl friendly
Denmark 1 (Elstrup 56)
England 1 (Lineker 26)
HT: 0-1. Att: 18,400. Ref: Uilenberg (Hol)

Denmark: Schmeichel — Risom, Kent Nielsen (John Larsen 68), Lars Olsen, Ivan Nielsen, Jan Bartram, John Helt, Henrik Andersen (Vilfort 62), Elstrup, Michael Laudrup, Brian Laudrup (Peter Rasmussen 86).

England: Shilton (Seaman 64) — Parker, Pearce, Webb (McMahon 46), Walker, Butcher, Robson, Rocastle, Beardsley (Bull 60), Lineker, Barnes (Waddle 46).

● *Continued overleaf*

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

● *Continued from previous page*

ENGLAND completed a season unbeaten for the first time in 14 years, with keeper Peter Shilton winning his record-breaking 109th cap. Gary Lineker shot England into a half-time lead with his 29th goal in 42 internationals. Denmark, without several of their West German-based stars, equalised in the 56th minute with the first goal Shilton had conceded in six games. Denmark manager Sepp Piontek said: "There was a lot of spontaneity and creativity, especially from the Laudrup brothers, Bartram and Elstrup." England manager Bobby Robson thought it was "an honourable result." Exactly how honourable would shortly become clear from the Danes' next two remarkable internationals.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Santa Cruz de la Sierra — intl friendly
Bolivia 0
Uruguay 0
Att: 20,000. Ref: Pablo Pena (Bol)
Bolivia: Barrero — Roca, Fontana, Martinez, Saldias — Arias, Rimba, Villegas (Soria), Takeo (Sanchez) — Pena, Salinas (Garcia).
Uruguay: Zeoli — Revelez, De Leon, Domninguez, Perdomo — Pereira, Herrera, Aguilera — Suarez (Dalto), Da Silva, Castro (Correa).

URUGUAY were disappointed not to come away from Bolivia with another warm-up victory under the belt. That they failed was due to a combination of inconsistent approach work, poor finishing and some resolute play by the Bolivian defence.

Rio de Janeiro — intl friendly
Brazil 4 (Bebeto 26, 31, Ricardo 47, Charles 74)
Portugal 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 33,496. Ref: Cardellino (Uru)
Brazil: Acacio — Jorginho (Branco 66), Mozer (Aldair 86), Ricardo, Mazinho — Bernardo, Edu (Geovani 64), Silas (Cristovao 64) — Valdo, Bebeto (Ze Carlos 79), Charles.
Portugal: Neno — Joao Pinto, Frederico, Sobrinho, Veloso — Juanico, Nunes (Jaime 42), Semedo (Vado 70) — Victor Paneira, Rui Aguas, Cesar Brito.

BRAZIL were far too strong for a poor Portuguese side without virtually all the Benfica players, who were en route from the United States to the President's Cup in the Far East. Benfica's Valdo created the opening goal for Bebeto, who scored his second with the aid of an unlucky deflection by defender Sobrinho. A Valdo corner was headed home by Benfica team-mate Ricardo Gomes just after half-time. Then Valdo linked up with Geovani to create the fourth Brazil goal for centre-forward Charles, despite Portugal appeals for offside.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Reykjavik — WC Euro gp 3
Iceland 0
Austria 0
Att: 11,250. Ref: King (Wal)
Iceland: Sigurdsson — Bergsson, Edvaldsson, Saever Jonsson, Olafur Thordarsson, Sigurdur Jonsson, Gretarsson, Gislasson (Thorkelsson 62), Gudmundur Torfasson, Arnthorsson, Sigurvinsson.
Austria: Lindenberger — Weber, Russ, Pecl, Pfefer, Hortnagl (Herzog 34), Prohaska, Zsak, Artner, Polster, Rodax (Ogris 46).

THIS was the first game between the two nations since Austria beat Iceland 4-3 in Reykjavik in 1953. Iceland brought back Saevar Jonsson and Asgeir Sigurvinsson and were the better side in the first half. Sigurvinsson hit the side netting in the second minute then Edvaldsson headed the ball into the net but a 'goal' was refused. Just before half-time Weribert Weber cleared a Torfasson effort off the goal- line. In the second half, Gretarsson hit the bar in the 66th minute.

Oslo — WC Euro gp 5
Norway 1 (Fjortoft 88)
Yugoslavia 2 (Stojkovic 21, Zlatko Vujovic 86)
HT: 0-1. Att: 22,740. Ref: Sjuk (SU)
Norway: By Rise — Bratseth — Halle, Kojedal, Giske, Loken, berg (Gulbrandsen 83), Osvold, Jakobsen, Sorloth (Agdestein 63), Fjortoft.
Yugoslavia: Ivkovic — Stanojkovic, Spasic, Jozic*, Katanec. Hadzibegic, Zoran Vujovic, Susic (Vujavic 73), Bazdarevic, Stojkovic, Zlatko Vujovic. *Jozic sent off, 65min

GOALS in each half by Dragan Stojkovic (from a free kick) and Zlatko Vujovic (after a blunder by Kjetil Osvold) edged Yugoslavia closer to the World Cup finals. Norway made no impression on the Slav defence, despite the expulsion of Jozic, until Jan Age Fjortoft scored in the 88th minute, by which time it was too late.

Copenhagen — Centenary Tournament
Dennark 6 (Povlsen 30, Elstrup 42, 73, Andersen 63, Bartram 69, M.Laudrup 79)
Sweden 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 15,200.
Denmark: Rasmussen — Risom, K.Nielsen (J.Larsen 38), L.Olsen, I.Nielsen, Bartram, Jensen (Helt 46), Andersen (Heintze 64), Povlsen (B.Laudrup 80), Elstrup, M.Laudrup.
Sweden: Eriksson — R.Nilsson, Hysen (Schiller 38), Lonn, Ljung, Ekstrom, Stromberg, Prytz (Ingesson 67), J.Nilsson, Gren (Thern 46), Magnusson.

DENMARK recorded the Win of the Year when they annihilated Sweden in astonishing fashion. Sweden did not have all their exports available but Denmark had selection problems, too. The crowd for the opening match in the Danish federation's centenary triangular event saw Denmark collect their biggest win over Sweden since 1913. Sweden wasted two early chances before Fleming Povlsen put Denmark ahead and Elstrup tapped in a Risom cross just before the interval. Michael Laudrup was the star of the evening, setting up goals No 3 and 4 for Henrik Andersen and Jan Bartram. Risom again provided the pass when Elstrup headed his second goal and then Michael Laudrup, appropriately, rounded off the scoring in the 79th minute. Sweden's best second half opening came in the 66th minute when Mats Magnusson shot against a post.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Copenhagen — Centenary tmt
Sweden 2 (Rehn 26, Ljung 49pen)
Brazil 1 (Cristovao 79)
HT: 1-0. Att: 6,700. Ref: Lund-Sorensen (Den)
Sweden: T.Ravelli — R.Nilsson, Lonn, Ljung, Schiller (N.Larsson 46), Limpar, Ingesson, Rehn, J.Nilsson, Hellstrom, Magnusson.
Brazil: Acacio — Paulo Roberto, Andre Cruz, Ricardo, Branco — Bernardo, Valdo, Silas (Bismarck 73), Charles (Cristovao 46), Edu (Geovani 46), Careca II (Gerson 68).

BRAZIL lost their first match in six under Sebastiao Lazaroni as Sweden patched up their pride after the thrashing by Denmark in this centenary tournament to celebrate 100 years of the Danish federation. Sweden coach Olle Nordin said: "I don't know if we have ever played a more important match than this one. This was a brilliant victory considering the circumstances." Lazaroni estimated that only a handful of his team would be needed for the South American championship and World Cup qualifiers. Stefan Rehn, shortly bound for a trial with Everton, opened the scoring on a pass from Klas Ingesson. Roger Ljung extended that lead from a penalty after Ricardo wastefully tripped Hellstrom. Substitute Cristovao scored Brazil's consolation by heading in a swirling cross from Valdo in the 79th minute.

Port of Spain — Soccer Bowl tmt
Trinidad and Tobago 2 (Lewis 17, York 20)
Peru 1 (Menessero 15)
HT: 2-1. Att: 5,000.
Trinidad and Tobago won the semi-final of their own tournament despite going a goal down to Francesco Menessero after 15 minutes. Leoson Lewis and Dwight York then turned the game on its head and sent Trinidad and Tobago into a final against Ecuador or the Irish Republic.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Copenhagen — Centenary tmt/3rd match
Denmark 4 (M.Olsen 30 pen, M.Laudrup 54, 62, L.Olsen 67)
Brazil 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 38,900. Ref: Fredriksson (Swe)
Denmark: Ramussen — Risom, J.Larsen, L.Olsen, I.Nielsen (H.Larsen 46) — M.Olsen (Bartram 63). Heintze, M.Laudrup, Helt (Jensen 73) — B.Laudrup (Povlsen 46), Elstrup.
Brazil: Acacio — Paulo Roberto, Andre Cruz, Ricardo, branco (Mazinho 46) — Bernardo, Valdo (Edu 73), Geovani, Gerson (Careca II 85) — Cristovao (Silas 64), Bismarck (Charles 73).

DENMARK continued their magnificent blitz by securing victory in their own tournament and tearing Brazil to shreds. This was the sort of dazzling soccer which easily matched the climactic brilliance of the Danes' six-goal display against Uruguay at the last World Cup. Morten Olsen played his 102nd and positively last international and had the satisfaction of putting Denmark ahead from a penalty. But again Michael Laudrup was the star performer. He had scored one and set up three against Sweden; this time he scored twice. His first goal followed an exchange of passes with Elstrup in the 54th minute, his second was a 'free' header at the near post to a Povlsen cross. Laudrup was also involved in the build-up which saw sweeper Lars Olsen advance to shoot the Danes' fourth goal. Manager Sepp Piontek could not have chosen a better way to celebrate his 100th international in charge. Bismarck, shooting hastily over the bar under pressure in the 52nd minute, wasted Brazil's best chance. This was Brazil's worst beating since they lost 4-0 to Chile in the 1987 South American championship.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Basel — intl friendly
Switzerland 1 (Turkyilmaz 50 pen)
Brazil 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 25,000. Ref: Blankenstein (Hol)
Switzerland: Brunner (Lehmann 46) — Koller, Marini, Weber, Schepull, geiger, A.Sutter (R.Sutter 55), Baumann, B.Sutter (Burri 87), Turkyilmaz, Chapuisat (Piffaretti 61).
Brazil: Taffarel — Paulo Roberto (Branco 80), Ricardo, Andre Cruz, Mazinho — Tita, Dunga, Valdo, Alemao — Renato, Gerson (Geovani 80).

BRAZIL lost their third successive match to a Kubilay Turkyilmaz penalty after he had been brought down by keeper Taffarel. Brazil added Italian-based exiles Tita, Dunga, Alemao and Renato to their team for the first time on tour. But though Renato teased the defence, the Swiss under new boss Uli Stielike for the first time looked solid and rode their luck. Gerson shot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat in the 12th minute and then missed badly three minutes later when a Renato cross found him again unmarked in front of goal.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICAN FINAL ROUND

APRIL 30

Torrance, California, USA.
UNITED STATES 1 (Ramos)
COSTA RICA 0
HT: 0-0
Tab Ramos scored his first international goal 18 minutes from the end and goalkeeper David Vanole kept the US victory intact when he saved a penalty awarded when defender Steve Trittschuh stopped the ball with his hand on the goal line.

May 13

Torrance, California, USA.
UNITED STATES 1 (Trittschuh)
TRINIDAD TOBAGO 1 (Charles)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** P L Agnolin (Italy). **Att:** 10,000
USA: Vanole, Trittschuh, Windischmann, Balboa, Klopas, Hawkes, Ramos (Gabarra), Stollmeyer, Murray, Pastor (Bermes), Goulet.
Trinidad Tobago: Carter, C. Morris, Francis, Faustin, Williams, Lawrence, Allen (Skeene), Lytapy (M. Morris), Charles, Lewis, Arbly. Trittschuh put the US team ahead just after half-time, but they lacked ideas to increase their lead in further attacks. Towards the end, when they were defending the win, Charles equalized for Trinidad Tobago making use of a defensive mistake two minutes from the end.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica....	4	2	0	2	3	3	4
United States	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Guatemala....	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Trinidad Tobago.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
El Salvador ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LIBERTADORES CUP
(South American Club Championship)

Quarter-finals — 1st Legs
April 19

Calama, Chile
COBRELOA (Chile) 0
DANUBIO (Uruguay) 2 (Dalto, da Silva, pen)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Jesus Diaz (Colombia)
Cobreloa: Osben, Tabio, Tello, Gomez, Puebla, Garcia, Cabrera, (Santander), Trobbiani, Covarrubias, Espindola (Ortega), Alvarez.
Danubio: Zeoli, Da Luz, Sanchez, Kanapkis, N. Cabrera, Suarez, Pereira, Borges (Streccia), Gomez, Da Silva, Dalto (Rodriguez).

Danubio, playing better than previous terms in the Calama stadium which is over 2,000 metres above sea level, beat Cobreloa for the first time at home in the tournament with tight defence — which gave Cobreloa's attack few chances — and intelligent counter-attack which brought them a goal in each half. And Danbio played for a longer time with only 10 men. They had Pereira sent off after 30 minutes, while Cobreloa's Gomez received marching orders after 48 minutes. Trobbiani, Cobreloa's best man, missed the chance of equalizing after 36 minutes when he took a penalty.

Medellin, Colombia
NACIONAL (Colombia) 1 (Usurriaga)
MILLONARIOS (Colombia) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Carlos Esposito (Argentina). **Att:** 36,000.
Nacional: Higuita, Gomez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Alvarez, Garcia, Perez, Fajardo, Usurriaga (Arang),Trellez.
Millonarios: Goicochea, Gamera, Conde, Cuesta, Galeano, Pimentel, Vanemerak, Juarez (Giron), Estrada (Bernal), Iguaran, Hernandez.
Both teams virtually anulled each other with close marking. They got good moves going in midfield which fell down approaching goal because of tight defensive play. Nerves on both sides also caused a lot of petty fouls and stoppages.

Porto Alegre, Brazil
INTERNACIONAL (Brazil 1 (Aquirre)
BAHIA (Brazil) 0
HT: 1-0 **Ref:** Jose Assis de Aragao (Brazil). **Att:** 62,000
Internacional: Taffarel, Julio Cesar (Bomanigo), Aguirregaray, Norton, Casemiro, Norberto, Luiz Fernando, Martins, Heider, Aquirre (Marcel), Edu.
Bahia: Ronaldo, Edinho Joao Marcelo, Claudir, Paulo Robson, Paula Rodriques, Ze Carlos, Marcelo (Sandro), Gil, Osmar, Charles.

Internacional were completely on top in the first half and missed chances while Bahia goalkeeper Ronaldo made some good saves. Bahia tried to fight back in the second half when they had more of the ball but were rarely dangerous.

Asuncion, Paraquay
OLIMPIA (Paraquay) 2 (Neffa, Torres)
SOL DE AMERICA (Paraquay) 0
HT: 0-0 **Ref:** Carlos Maciel (Paraquay)
Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Benitez, Chamas, Portela, Balbuena, Guasch, Torres, Guirland, Villalba, Amarilla, Neffa. (Sub: Mess/ Guirland, Villalba/Balguena).
Sol de America: Espinola, Leguizamon, Farina, Ramirez, Brugada, Estigarribia,Espinosa, Genes, Almiron, Torres, Brizuela. (Sub: Jano/Genes. Benitez/Almiron).

A lot of midfield play and close marking in a poor match in which Olimpia showed more will to attack in the second half to obtain their goals in the last 20 minutes.

Quarter-finals — 2nd legs
April 26

Montevideo, Uruguay.
DANUBIO (Uruquay) 2 (Da Silva, Dalto)
COBRELOA (Chile) 1 (Trobbiani pen)
HT: 1-1 **Ref:** Jaun C. Loustau (Argentina). **Att:** 45,000
DANUBIO wins 4-1 on agg.
Danubio: Zeoli, Da Luz, Sanchez, Kanapkis, Cabrera, Suarez, Moas, Streccia, Borges (Rodriguez), Da Silva(Gonez), Dalto.
Cobreloa: Osben, Cabrera, (Santander), Rojas, Tello, Puebla, Garcia, Trobbiani, Covarrubias, Alarcon, Espindola (Ortega), Alvarez.

Cobreloa, needing victory by at least three clear goals to qualify for the semi-finals, played too defensively in the first half of this rough game in which there were 35 fouls (22 by Cobreloa, 13 by Danubio) and a player from each side — Da Luz (D) and Covarribias (C) — were sent off after 20 minutes. Cobreloa attacked more in the second half and Trobbiani, again their best man, temporarily equalized after four minutes from the penalty spot and later missed a further good chance. Danubio continued to play good soccer however and Dalto, who had been a problem for the opposing defence all through the game, scored the winner 10 minutes from the end.

Asuncion, Paraquay.
OLIMPIA (Paraquay) 4 (Amarilla 3, Gonzalez)
SOL DE AMERICA (Paraquay) 4 (Farina, Cano 2, Brizuela)
HT: 2-2 **Ref:** Gabriel Gonzalez (Paraquay). **Att:** 15,000
Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Chamas, Castro, Portela, Sanabria, Benitez, Guasch, Neffe, Amarilla, Gonzalez.
Sol de America: Espinola, Leguizamon, Ramirez, Farina, Brugada, Estigarribia, Centurion, Genes, Cano, Almiron, Brizuela.
Olimpia wins 6-4 agg.

In this sometimes hectic and close match Olimpia always played more calmly with the first leg 2-0 lead as their cushion. There was never more than a goal between the teams and excitement ran high right up to the end when Brizuela made it 4-3 for Sol with a minute to go and when his team pressed for another goal which would have forced a penalty shoot-out to decide the semi-final place, Amarilla netted his third goal of the match to equalize again.

Salvador, Brazil
BAHIA (Brazil) 0
INTERNACIONAL (Brazil) 0
Ref: Arnaldo Cesar Coelho, Brazil.
Att: 60,000
Internacional win 1-0 on agg.
Bahia: Ronaldo, Tarantini (Marcelo), Joao Marcelo, Claudir, Paulo Robson, Paulo Rodrigues, Gil, Ze Carlos, Osmar, Charles, Sandro.
Internacional: Taffarel, Norberto, Norton, Aguirregaray, Casemiro, Bonamigo, Martins, Luis Fernando, Heider (Nene), Nilson (Dacrose), Edu.

Heavy rain and muddy field made good play impossible. After 25 minutes Internacional winger Edu was felled in the penalty area but no penalty was awarded. This increased tension and fighting among players after 35 minutes left both teams with 10 men when Edu and Charles (B) were sent off. Bahia took control in the second half when it rained less, but Internacional goalkeeper Taffarel made a number of very good saves.

Bogota, Colombia
MILLONARIOS (Colombia) 1 (Estrada)
NACIONAL (Colombia) 1 (Trellez)
HT: 1-0 **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile).
Att: 50,000
Nacional win 2-1 on agg.
Millonarios: Goicochea, Gamero, Conde, (Valencia), Cuesta, Galeano, Oimentel,Vanemerak, Juarez (Bernal), Iguaran, Estrada, Hernande.
Nacional: Higuita, Gomez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Alvarez, Suarez, Garcia (Arboleda), Fajardo, Usurriaga (Arango), Trellez.

In a nervous match, slow in the first half with a lot of stoppages, Millonarios took the lead after 25 minutes and they should have been awarded a penalty when Nacional goalkeeper Higuita brought down Iguaran in the area. This made the home players and crowd more nervous. Millonarios, poor in defence, lacked support in attack. Trellez equalized 10 minutes from the end. As he celebrated he was hit by an object thrown from the stands and furiously hit the nearest person to him, a rival player, for which he was sent off and 10-men Nacional had to fight hard to maintain the draw to qualify for the semifinals in the final minutes. At the end Chilean referee Hernan Silva was attacked by several Millonarios players who were later suspended together with Trellez whose three-match suspension made him miss the semifinals and the first leg of the final.

Semi-finals — 1st leg
May 10

Montevideo, Uruguay
DANUBIO (Uruguay) 0
NACIONAL (Colombia) 0
Ref: Arnaldo C. Coelho (Brazil). **Att:** 35,000
Danubio: Zeoli, J. Gomez, Sanchez, Kanapkis, Cabrera, E. Suarez, Moas, Streccia, Borges, R. Da Silva, Dalto (Subs: Vidal/Gonez)
Nacional: Higuita, G. Gomez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Alvarez, L. Suarez, Garcia, Fajardo, Galeano, Arango. (Subs: Uzurriaga/Arango).

Nacional played over half the game with 10 men, having Galeano sent off after 38 minutes and they managed to maintain a clean sheet thanks to their defence in which Perea stood out and poor finishing by Danubio who attacked most of the way. Danubio gradually lost control in the second half as they played too individually.

Asuncion, Paraguay.
OLIMPIA (Paraquay) 0
INTERNACIONAL (Brazil) 1 (Luis Fernando)
HT: 1-0 **Ref:** Juan C. Loustau.
Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Vergara (Balbuena), Fernandez, Portela, Benitez, Guasch, Zanabria (Neffa), Villalba, Amarilla, Mendoza.
Intenacional: Tafarrel, Norberto, Norton, Aguirregaray, Casemiro, Bonamigo, Luis Carlos, Luis Fernando, Heider, Nilson, Dacroce.
Internacional scored after only 12 minutes and they continued to be more dangerous in the first half. Olimpia improved in the second half and had chances, but lacked penetration in attack. Police had to intervene to stop trouble among home fans.

Semi-finals — 2nd leg
May 17

Porto Alegre, Brazil.
INTERNACIONAL (Brazil) 2 (Dacroce, Luis Fernando)
OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 3 (Mendoza, Amarilla, Romero)
HT: 1-2 **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile).
Att:
Olimpia won 5-3 on penalties (3-3 agg)
Internacional: Taffarel, Norberto, (Leomir), Norton, Aguirregaray, Casemiro, Bonamigo, Luis Fernando, Dacroce, Heider, Nilson, Edu.
Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Benitez, Fernandez, Krausemann, Bobadilla, Sanabria, Guasch, Gonzalez, Amarilla, Mendoza (Romero/ Hernandez).

An even match with Olimpia just getting the edge to force a penalty shootout for a final place in which their goalkeeper, Ever Almeida was again the hero as he scored one goal from the spot and saved one after having already saved one penalty during the match.

Medellin, Colombia.
NACIONAL (Colombia) 6 (Uzuriaga 4, Garcia, Arboleda)
DANUBIO (Uruguay) 0
HT: 3-0 **Ref:** Carlos Esposito. **Att:** 36,000
Nacional: Higuita, Gomez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Perez, Alvarez, Garcia, Fajardo (Arboleda), Uzurriaga, Arango.
Danubio: Zeoli, Da Luz, Sanchez, Kanapkis, Cabrera, Pereira, Suarez (Gonez),Moas (Streccia), Da Silva, Borges, Dalto.
Nacional win 6-0 on agg.

Below form Danubio were outplayed after the first 10 minutes and although they had more of the ball after the interval they were never dangerous.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

April 13 — El Salvador Select. 2 Real Espana (Honduras) 0; May 1 — Trinidad Tobago select 2 Queen's Park Rangers (England) 2; May 3 — Trinidad Tobago select 0 Queen's Park Rangers (England) 0; May 12 — Venezuela select 1 Cucuta (Colombia) 0; Uruguay select 3 Guarani (Paraguay) 4.

RESULTS
SERVICE
CONTINUED
NEXT
MONTH

LEAGUE TABLES

FRANCE

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marseille	38	20	13	5	56	35	73
Paris St-Germain	38	19	13	6	45	26	70
Monaco	38	18	14	6	62	38	68
Sochaux	38	19	11	8	51	28	68
Auxerre	39	18	9	11	41	32	63
Nice	38	16	9	13	44	40	57
Nantes	38	15	12	11	42	40	57
Lille	38	15	11	12	50	38	56
Montpellier	38	14	10	14	51	53	52
Toulouse	38	12	15	11	44	46	51
Toulon	38	12	14	12	30	29	50
Cannes	38	14	8	16	45	47	50
Bordeaux	38	12	13	13	53	46	49
St-Etienne	38	12	12	14	39	50	48
Metz	38	12	11	15	47	49	47
Caen	38	10	10	18	39	59	40
Matra Racing	38	10	9	19	49	56	39
Strasbourg	38	10	9	18	47	59	39
Laval	38	8	11	19	33	55	35
Lens	38	3	8	27	32	72	17

YUGOSLAVIA

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vojvodina	34	18	6	10	50	38	41
Red Star Belgrade	34	18	7	9	55	30	38
Hajduk Split	34	15	10	9	50	29	36
Red Belgrade	34	13	11	10	46	38	35
Dinamo Zagreb	34	16	9	9	42	29	34
Partizan	34	15	7	12	52	37	33
Radnicki	34	14	7	13	42	35	31
Osijek	34	13	7	14	49	50	31
Vardar Skopje	34	13	7	14	46	51	29
Rijeka	34	14	7	13	35	34	28
Sloboda Tuzla	34	11	12	11	36	43	28
Sarajevo	34	11	10	13	35	42	28
Velez Mostar	34	13	4	17	42	52	28
Buducnost	34	12	7	15	32	43	28
Spartak	34	11	7	16	31	40	26
Zeljeznicar	34	12	4	18	34	49	25
Napredak	34	11	5	18	42	59	23
Celik	34	9	7	18	30	59	17

Celik started the season with minus six points

BELGIUM

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mechelen	34	25	7	2	64	20	57
Anderlecht	34	22	9	3	83	36	53
FC Liege	34	17	12	5	64	22	46
Club Brugge	34	17	9	8	67	44	43
Atwerp	34	16	18	8	62	39	42
Standard Liege	34	14	8	12	46	43	36
St Truiden	34	12	11	11	39	44	35
Kortrijk	34	9	17	8	53	44	35
Waregem	34	11	8	15	40	52	30
Lierse	34	10	9	15	29	46	29
Charleroi	34	6	17	11	31	49	29
Beveren	34	10	8	16	40	51	28
RC Mechelen	34	10	8	16	37	55	20
Lokeren	34	9	10	15	44	57	20
Cercle Brugge	34	10	7	17	41	54	27
Beerschot	34	8	10	16	41	63	26
RWD Molenbeek	34	10	5	19	36	59	25
Genk	34	2	11	21	20	67	15

EAST GERMANY

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dyn. Dresden	26	16	8	2	61	26	40
BFC Dynamo Berlin	26	12	8	6	51	32	32
Karl-Marx-Stadt	26	12	6	8	38	36	30
Hansa Rostock	26	12	5	9	34	31	29
Lok Leipzig	26	11	6	9	39	26	28
Magdeburg	26	11	6	9	36	30	28
Wismut Aue	26	10	8	8	35	35	28
Carl Zeiss Jena	26	11	5	10	35	24	27
Chemie Halle	26	8	9	9	36	38	25
Energie Cottbus	26	9	5	12	29	41	23
Brandenburg	26	9	4	13	36	43	22
RW Erfurt	26	9	3	14	27	39	21
Sachsen. Zwickau	26	6	4	16	25	49	16
Union Berlin	26	5	5	16	22	53	15

EGYPT

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AL Ahly	22	17	3	2	35	9	54
Zamalek	22	15	4	3	42	18	49
Mehalla	22	10	8	4	29	20	38
Ismaili	22	9	7	6	37	32	34
Arsenal	22	10	2	10	25	25	32
Masri	22	6	8	8	15	16	26
Union Recr	22	6	7	9	17	20	25
Arab C	22	5	9	8	15	22	24
Suez	22	5	9	8	11	21	24
Olympic	22	5	8	9	22	26	23
Menieh	22	5	8	9	21	26	23
Merrikh	22	0	5	17	9	43	5

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua Bucar	31	29	2	0	113	25	60
Din. Bucarest	31	28	1	2	121	28	57
Vic. Bucharest	31	19	5	7	76	51	43
Flacara Moreni	31	14	4	13	55	42	32
Sp. Studentesc	31	14	3	14	46	52	31
FC Bihor	31	12	6	13	37	37	30
Inter Sibiu	31	13	4	14	42	48	30
FC Olt	31	11	8	12	32	43	30
FCM Brasov	31	11	6	14	43	49	28
FC Arges	31	12	4	15	36	45	28
FC Constantza	31	12	4	15	31	44	28
Cluj Napoca	31	9	8	14	38	51	26
Otelul Galati	31	10	6	15	33	54	26
SC Bacau	31	11	3	17	44	53	25
Corvinul Hun	31	11	3	17	38	62	25
Rapid Bucarest	31	10	2	19	34	58	22
Tirgu Mures	31	2	2	27	20	92	6

SPAIN

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	38	25	12	1	91	37	62
Barcelona	38	23	11	4	80	26	57
Valencia	38	18	13	7	39	26	49
Atletico Madrid	38	19	8	11	69	45	46
Zaragoza	38	15	13	10	48	42	43
Valladolid	38	18	7	13	40	31	43
Bilbao	38	15	12	11	45	35	42
Celta	38	14	11	13	42	48	39
Sevilla	38	13	12	13	39	37	38
Osasuna	38	13	11	14	39	43	37
Real Sociedad	38	11	14	13	38	47	36
Oviedo	38	12	11	15	44	45	35
Gijon	38	13	9	16	42	42	35
Logrones	38	9	16	13	25	37	34
Malaga	38	12	9	17	39	53	33
Cadiz	38	9	15	14	31	41	33
Espanol	38	7	16	15	29	44	30
Betis	38	9	11	18	36	55	29
Murcia	38	9	6	23	27	58	24
Elche	38	4	7	27	29	71	15

ITALY

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Internazionale	34	26	6	2	67	19	58
Napoli	34	18	11	5	57	28	47
Milan	34	16	14	4	61	25	46
Juventus	34	15	13	6	51	36	43
Sampdoria	34	14	11	9	43	25	29
Atalanta	34	11	14	9	37	32	36
Fiorentina	34	12	10	12	44	43	34
Roma	34	11	12	11	33	40	34
Lecce	34	8	15	11	25	35	31
Verona	34	5	19	10	18	27	29
Bologna	34	8	13	13	26	43	29
Cesena	34	8	13	13	24	39	29
Ascoli	34	9	11	14	30	41	29
Lazio of Rome	34	5	19	10	23	32	29
Torino	34	8	11	15	37	49	27
Pescara	34	5	17	12	28	43	27
Pisa	34	6	11	17	17	39	23
Como	34	6	10	18	24	29	22

SCOTLAND

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	36	26	4	6	62	26	56
Aberdeen	36	18	14	4	51	25	50
Celtic	36	21	4	11	66	44	46
Dundee United	36	16	12	8	44	26	44
Hibernian	36	13	9	14	37	36	35
Hearts	36	9	13	14	35	42	31
St Mirren	36	11	7	18	39	55	29
Dundee	36	9	10	17	34	48	28
Motherwell	36	7	13	16	35	44	27
Hamilton	36	6	2	28	19	76	14

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	35	28	6	1	100	27	90
Besiktas	35	24	8	3	78	21	80
Galatasaray	34	19	9	6	71	29	66
Sariyer	35	19	5	11	66	45	62
Trabzonspor	35	18	7	10	56	38	61
Ankaragucu	35	17	9	9	50	39	60
Boluspor	35	14	7	14	45	43	49
Konyaspor	35	13	4	18	40	59	43
Bursaspor	35	11	8	16	39	51	41
Sakarya	34	11	8	15	39	55	41
Malatya	35	10	10	15	56	69	40
Adana	35	10	9	16	48	56	39
Altay	34	10	8	16	43	54	38
Karsiyaka	34	9	10	15	45	53	37
A. Demirspor	34	10	6	17	45	72	36
Eskisehir	35	9	9	18	33	57	35
Rizespor	35	8	8	19	33	65	32
K. Maras	34	3	11	20	18	68	20
Samsunspor	18	4	7	7	12	16	19

REP. IRELAND

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derry City	33	24	5	4	70	21	53
Dundalk	33	20	11	2	55	27	51
Limerick City	33	18	9	6	57	57	45
St Patrick's Ath	33	16	11	6	40	19	43
Bohemians	33	12	6	15	41	43	30
Shamrock Rovers	33	8	13	12	34	32	29
Athlone Town	33	11	7	15	30	33	29
Cork City	33	8	10	15	29	36	26
Shelbourne	33	8	10	15	26	40	26
Galway united	33	8	9	16	34	56	25
Cobh Ramblers	33	6	9	18	29	54	21
Waterford United	33	6	6	21	21	58	18

AUSTRIA

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FCS Tirol	36	2	4	7	5	78	38	39
Ad. Wacker	36	19	7	10	78	53	33
FK Austria	36	18	10	8	76	37	31
Rapid	36	17	7	12	67	40	29
Vienna	36	12	13	11	59	59	26
Sport	36	13	6	17	60	70	22
GAK	36	11	9	16	41	64	20
VSE St Poel	36	9	10	17	42	66	17

NORTHERN IRELAND

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	26	21	2	3	58	19	65
Glentoran	26	17	4	5	60	29	55
Coleraine	26	15	5	6	42	23	50
Bangor	26	12	9	5	42	30	45
Glenavon	26	13	5	8	47	34	44
Portadown	26	10	9	7	29	19	39
Cliftonvillle	26	9	9	8	42	30	36
Carrick Rangers	26	11	3	12	29	40	36
Ballymena United	26	6	11	9	33	41	29
Larne	26	6	10	10	38	38	28
Newry Town	26	7	5	14	33	43	26
Crusaders	26	5	5	16	22	47	20
Ards	26	4	6	16	25	54	18
Distillery	26	3	3	20	20	73	12

CYPRUS

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Omonia	28	17	9	2	60	22	43
Apollon	28	15	10	3	61	26	40
Apoel	28	15	4	9	48	37	34
Salamine	28	11	11	6	51	35	33
AEL	20	10	10	8	50	40	30
Anortosi	28	10	10	8	31	30	30
Pezoporikos	28	7	14	7	35	34	28
Apop	28	9	10	9	36	40	28
Olympiakos	28	7	13	8	43	42	27
Ethnikos	28	10	7	11	34	43	27
Paralimni	28	7	13	8	35	47	27
Aris	28	8	10	10	42	39	26
EPA	28	6	9	13	32	41	21
Keravnos	28	6	9	13	27	39	21
Aradippu	28	1	3	24	11	81	5

ENGLAND

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	38	22	10	6	71	36	76
Liverpool	38	22	10	6	65	30	76
Notts Forest	38	17	13	8	64	43	64
Norwich	38	17	11	10	48	43	62
Derby County	38	17	7	14	40	38	58
Tottenham	38	15	12	11	60	46	57
Coventry	38	14	13	11	48	42	55
Everton	38	14	12	12	50	45	54
Queen's PR	38	14	11	13	43	37	53
Millwall	38	14	11	13	47	52	53
Manchester U	38	13	12	25	45	53	51
Wimbledon	38	14	9	15	50	45	51
Southampton	38	10	15	13	52	66	45
Charlton	38	10	12	16	44	58	42
Sheffield Wed	38	10	12	16	35	52	42
Luton	38	10	11	15	42	52	41
Aston Villa	38	9	13	16	45	56	40
Middlesbrough	38	9	12	17	44	61	39
West Ham	38	10	8	20	38	63	38
Newcastle	38	7	10	21	32	63	31

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lucerne	35	17	13	5	45	35	33
Grasshopper	35	17	9	8	61	45	30
Sion	35	13	13	9	45	36	27
YB Berne	35	14	10	11	79	55	27
Wettingen	35	11	16	8	44	35	26
Belinzona	35	10	10	15	41	49	21
Neuchatel X	35	10	12	13	59	57	21
Servette	35	10	10	15	60	74	19

GREECE

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AEK	30	19	6	5	46	21	44
Olympiakos	30	16	9	5	54	25	41
Panathinaikos	30	14	9	7	45	25	37
Heraklis	30	13	10	7	44	28	36
OFI Crete	30	13	8	9	45	36	34
Larissa	30	10	14	6	37	34	34
Aris	30	11	11	8	31	26	33
PAOK	30	11	10	9	34	30	32
Doxa	30	10	8	12	26	28	28
Panionios	30	10	7	13	32	36	27
Olymp. Volos	30	6	14	10	36	45	26
Levadiakos	30	9	7	14	33	47	25
Apollon	30	7	9	14	29	38	23
Ethnikos	30	6	11	13	31	49	23
Diagoras	30	4	12	14	21	43	20
Kalamaria	30	4	9	17	24	57	17

HUNGARY

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honved	30	16	6	1	7	44	26	61
Ferencvaros	30	16	4	3	7	49	30	59
MTK-VM	30	13	8	3	6	41	34	59
Videoton	30	17	1	4	8	57	32	57
Raba Eto	30	16	3	2	9	44	30	56
Tatabanya	30	13	2	6	9	41	35	49
Vac	25	10	4	4	7	30	25	42
Bekescsaba	30	12	4	2	12	40	36	46
Vac	30	10	5	5	10	33	34	45
Dozsa Ujpest	30	11	2	4	13	36	35	41
Pecs	30	9	4	6	11	35	37	41
Veszprem	30	9	5	2	14	23	37	39
Siofok	30	8	4	6	12	34	41	38
Haladas	30	7	5	4	14	31	44	35
Vasas	30	8	2	7	13	35	58	35
Zalaegerszeg	30	7	3	6	14	37	44	33
Dunaujvaros	30	3	7	4	16	28	53	26

PORTUGAL

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	38	27	9	2	60	15	63
FC Porto	38	21	14	3	52	17	56
Boavista	38	19	11	8	56	29	49
Sporting	38	18	9	11	50	33	45
Setubal	38	15	12	11	44	37	42
Belenenses	38	13	14	11	44	35	40
Braga	38	14	12	12	42	37	40
Est. Amadora	38	13	13	12	33	41	39
Guimaraes	38	14	10	14	39	33	38
Nacional	38	12	12	14	43	49	36
Martimo	38	10	15	13	40	41	35
Portimonense	38	12	11	15	34	37	35
Chaves	38	12	10	16	37	41	34
Beira Mar	38	10	13	15	29	36	33
Penafiel	38	10	13	15	31	39	33
Espinho	38	12	8	18	45	57	32
FAFE	38	9	14	15	29	47	32
Farense	38	10	11	17	34	51	31
Leixoes	38	7	14	17	29	46	28
Viseu	38	5	9	24	20	70	19

SOVIET UNION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak M	13	9	3	1	23	6	21
Torpedo M	13	6	6	1	15	7	18
Dniepr	13	7	4	2	15	9	18
Tchernomorets	13	6	5	2	18	15	17
Dynamo Kiev	12	5	4	3	15	10	14
Zhalgiris	13	6	2	5	15	13	14
Dynamo M	13	4	4	5	19	14	12
Metal. Kharkov	12	4	4	4	13	12	12
Dynamo Minsk	13	5	2	6	14	14	12
Ararat Erevan	13	5	2	6	11	18	12
R. Volgograd	12	3	5	4	11	12	11
D. Tbilisi	12	2	6	4	9	11	10
P. Douchanbe	13	2	5	6	9	19	9
Zenith Len	12	3	2	7	8	17	8
Ch. Donetsk	13	2	3	8	6	15	7
Lokomotiv M	12	2	3	7	6	15	7

MALTA

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sliema W	16	11	4	1	32	16	26
Valetta	16	9	5	2	24	9	23
Hamrun	16	8	4	4	31	15	20
Floriana	16	6	6	4	20	15	18
Zurrieq	16	5	4	7	14	21	14
Hibernians	16	2	8	6	16	21	12
Rabat A	16	2	8	6	14	26	12
Naxxar	16	3	6	7	10	22	12
B'Kara	16	1	5	10	14	30	7

ARGENTINA

	P	W	WP	LP	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Independiente	35	20	6	4	5	55	31	76
Boca Juniors	35	19	5	2	9	47	33	69
Deportivo Espanol	35	15	5	8	7	41	27	63
River Plate	35	15	5	7	8	58	34	62
San Lorenzo	35	14	8	2	11	55	39	60
Argentinos Juniors	35	13	6	8	8	55	38	59
Racing Club (Avellaned)	35	13	6	8	8	45	38	59
Talleres Cordoba	35	15	4	6	10	46	42	59
Gimnasia y Esg. La Plat	35	10	11	4	10	30	26	56
Estudiantes de La Plat	35	13	4	8	10	43	37	55
Rosario Central	35	10	7	7	11	47	50	51
Newell's Old Boys	35	10	7	6	12	35	36	50
Dep. Mandiyu (Corrientes)	35	7	10	8	10	38	43	49
Velez Sarsfield	35	7	11	5	12	36	51	48
Platense	35	9	5	5	16	31	47	42
FC Oeste	35	7	7	7	14	31	38	42
Racing Cordoba	35	8	6	5	16	34	55	41
San Martin (Tucuman)	35	9	2	8	16	39	52	39
Dep. Armenio	35	5	7	7	16	26	51	36
Instituto Cordoba	35	7	1	8	19	35	57	31

Lowest relegation averages (average points obtained over last three seasons — bottom two relegated): Instituto Cordoba 0,873; Platense 0,837; Racing Cordoba 0,819; San Martin 0,800; Deportivo Armenio 0,794.

COLOMBIA : Professional League — Opening tournament (final standings): 1) America (Cali) 23 points; 2) Union Magdalena (Santa Marta) 20; 3) Atletico Junior (Barranquilla) 19; 4) Independiente (Medellin) 18; 5) Millonarios (Bogota) 17; 6) Nacional (Medellin) 16; 7) Deportivo Cali, Pereira 15; 9) Caldas 14; 10) Quindio, Santa Fe (Bogota), Tolima 12; 13) Bucaramanga 10; 14) Cucuta 7; 15) Sporting (Barranquilla) 4 — all played 14 matches.

PERU

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Alianza Lima	10	6	3	1	17	6	15
Sporting Cristal	10	5	3	2	23	9	13
Union Huaral	10	4	5	1	14	10	11
Defensor Lima	10	3	5	2	17	11	11
Universitario	10	3	5	2	10	14	11
La Joya Meteor	10	4	3	3	10	10	11
Internacional	10	4	2	4	17	16	10
San Agustin	10	3	3	4	12	15	9
A.E.L.U.	10	2	2	6	10	21	6
Octavio Espinoza	10	1	4	5	7	19	6
Municipal	10	1	3	6	10	20	5

Other division winners: North — Alianza Atletico (Sullana); Centre — Mina San Vicente; South — Aurora (Arequipa); Oriental — Union Tarapoto.

(Top two of Metropolitan Division, North, Centre and South Division winners qualify for final round plus third-placed Metropolitan Division team (Union Huaral) which beat Oriental Division winners in playoff).

PARAGUAY: First Division
Leaders: 1) Guarani 20 points; 2) Olimpia 19; 3) San Lorenzo 13; 4) Cerro Porteno & Colegiales 12; 6) Sol de America 11.

ECUADOR

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Barcelona	17	9	6	2	26	11	24
Nacional	17	10	2	5	29	16	22
Liga Universitaria	17	6	6	5	25	19	18
Emelee	15	7	4	4	17	16	18
Filanbanco	17	6	4	7	22	21	16
Deportivo Quito	15	6	3	6	17	14	15
Macara	17	4	7	6	13	17	15
Deportivo Cuenca	17	5	4	8	17	24	14
Univers. Portoviejo	16	5	4	7	16	24	14
Aucas	17	4	6	7	13	24	14
Tecnico Universitario	15	4	5	6	16	19	13
Audaz	16	2	7	7	18	24	11

URUGUAY: Pre-season "Competencia" Cup
1) Nacional 9 points; 2) Wanderers, Defensor, River Plate 6; 5) Penarol, Rentistas, Danubio, Bella Vista 5; 9) Central Espanol 4; 10) Liverpool, Progreso 3; 12) Cerro 2; 13) Huracan Buceo 1.

VENEZUELA

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Mineros Guyana	28	16	10	2	42
Pepeganga	28	17	7	4	41
Maritimo	28	15	7	6	37
Tachira	28	13	9	6	35
Zamora	28	12	10	6	34
Universidad de los Andes	28	12	8	8	32
Minerven	28	8	14	6	30
Caracas FC	28	10	9	9	29
Estudiantes Merida	28	9	10	9	28
Portuguesa	28	11	6	11	28
Lara	28	10	7	11	27
Italia	28	10	6	12	26
Galicia	28	4	13	11	21
Anzoategui	28	7	6	15	20
Arroceros	28	2	5	21	9
Peninsulares	28	2	5	21	9

CHILE: Pre-season DIGEDER Cup tournament
Group leaders — Group A: 1. Cobresal; 2. Cobreloa two points less; Group B: 1. Magallanes 22 points; 2. Universidad Catolica & Colo Colo 21; Group C: 1. Rangers & O'Higgins. Group D: 1. Osorno 27; 2. Lota Schwager 24.

MEXICO

First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
America	33	16	7	9	54	35	39
Cruz Azul	33	13	11	9	60	51	37
Irapuato	33	8	11	14	34	47	27
Monterrey	33	7	13	13	38	54	27
Toluca	33	9	7	17	47	58	25
Group 2							
Puebla	33	18	10	5	64	26	46
Atlante	33	17	8	8	45	31	42
Univ. de Guadalajara	33	13	10	10	39	42	36
Nuevo Leon	33	9	9	15	29	55	27
Santos	33	6	14	13	25	46	26
Group 3							
Necaxa	33	15	9	9	47	32	39
Guadalajara	33	16	7	10	55	41	39
Tampico Madero	33	16	7	10	69	46	39
Morelia	33	9	16	8	45	44	34
Potosino	33	5	10	18	30	53	20
Group 4							
Univ. Autonoma Mexico	33	11	13	9	36	27	35
Univ. Aut. Guadalajara	33	12	10	11	43	41	34
Ciudad Juarez	33	7	18	8	36	43	32
Tamaulipas	33	11	9	13	45	49	31
Atlas	33	9	7	17	43	5825	

BRAZIL: Guanabara State (Rio) Championship
Second stage — after 6 games: 1) Vasco da Gama 11 points; 2) Fluminense 10; 3) Botafogo, Flamengo 9; 5) Americano 8; 6) Porto Alegre, Bangu 6; 8) Cabofriense 4; 9) Nova Cidade, Olaria 3; 11) America 2; 12) Volta Redonda 1.

Sao Paulo State Championship
Group A (13 games): 1) Internacional 22 points: 2) Mogi Mirim 20; 3) Uniau Sao Joao 19; 4) XV de Piracicaba 18; 5) Novorizontino 17; 6) America, Catanduvense 16; 8) Ferroviaria, Noroeste 13; 10) XV de Jau, Botafogo 12.
Group B (13 games): 1) Palmeiras 32; 2) Sao Jose 31; 3) Portuguesa, Guarani 29; 5) Corinthians 28; 6) Sao Paulo 27; 7) Bragantino 22; 8) Santos 20; 9) Santo Andre 17; 10) Juventus 13; 11) Sao Bento 10.

1988-90 EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1

18.10.88	Greece v Denmark	2-2
18.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	2-1
1.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-3
1.11.88	Rumania v Greece	2-0
25. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	6-0
25. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	1-0
16. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	3-0
16. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	2-1
10.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
10.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	
14.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	
14.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Rumania	4	2	0	2	5	4	4
Greece	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Denmark	4	1	1	2	6	11	3

Group 2

18.10.88	England v Sweden	1-1
18.10.88	Poland v Albania	0-0
4.11.88	Albania v Sweden	0-2
7. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
25. 4.89	England v Albania	2-1
6. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	4-0
2. 6.89	England v Poland	2-1
5. 9.89	Sweden v England	
7.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
10.10.89	Poland v England	
24.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
14.11.89	Poland v Sweden	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	3	1	0	7	3	6
Sweden	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Albania	4	0	1	3	1	6	1
Poland	3	0	1	2	1	6	1

Group 3

18.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-2
1.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-0
29.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-2
11. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	0-0
25. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	1-0
9. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	0-3
19. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	2-0
5. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	
6.10/ 7.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
24.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
7.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
14.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Austria	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
East Germany	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Turkey	4	1	1	2	3	8	3

Group 4

30. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-3
13. 9.88	Iceland v Holland	1-1
28. 9.88	Finland v Iceland	2-1
18.10.88	West Germany v Holland	2-0
25. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	0-1
30. 5.89	Finland v Holland	1-1
31. 5.89	Iceland v West Germany	1-1
5. 9.89	Iceland v Finland	
3.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
10.10.89	Holland v Iceland	
25.10.89	West Germany v Iceland	
14.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	4	3	1	0	7	1	7
Finland	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Iceland	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Holland	4	0	2	2	2	5	2

Group 5

13. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-1
27. 9.88	France v Norway	2-0
18.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	0-2
18.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	2-2
7. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-3
24. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	0-1
13. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	0-1
5. 9.89	Norway v France	
5. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	
10.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
10.10.89	France v Scotland	
14.11.89	Scotland v Norway	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
France	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Scotland	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Norway	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Group 6

11.12.88	Cyprus v Hungary	0-0
22. 3.89	Cyprus v Spain	0-1
12. 4.89	Hungary v Cyprus	1-0
31. 5.89	Spain v Cyprus	1-0
10.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
14.11.89	Spain v Hungary	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Hungary	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	0	3	1

Group 7

15.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-3
14. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
5. 4.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	4-0
25. 4.89	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
29. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	1-1
26. 5.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	0-0
5. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	
5.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	
9.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	
24.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
14.11.89	Portugal v Luxembourg	
29.11.89	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	1	3	0	5	2	5
Czechoslovakia	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Luxembourg	3	0	1	2	0	6	1

Group 8

26. 4.89	Switzerland v Italy	0-0
6. 6.89	San Marino v Switzerland	0-5
4.10.89	San Marino v Italy	
25.10.89	Italy v Switzerland	
14.11.89	Switzerland v San Marino	
29.11.89	Italy v San Marino	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	0	3
Italy	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

WORLD CUP RESULTS AND TABLES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

9.10.88	Greece v Denmark	1-1
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	1-3
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece	3-0
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-1
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	0-0
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	0-2
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	1-0
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	7-1
11.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	4	2	2	0	7	1	6
Denmark	4	2	2	0	11	3	6
Greece	4	0	2	2	2	11	2
Bulgaria	4	0	1	3	2	7	1

GROUP 2

19.10.88	England v Sweden	0-0
19.10.88	Poland v Albania	1-0
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden	1-2
8. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
26. 4.89	England v Albania	5-0
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	2-1
3. 6.89	England v Poland	3-0
6. 9.89	Sweden v England	
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
11.10.89	Poland v England	
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
15.11.89	Albania v Poland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	3	1	0	10	0	7
Sweden	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Poland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Albania	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

GROUP 3

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union	1-1
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland	1-1
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-0
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland	2-0
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-2
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-1
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	0-2
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	3-0
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	0-1
20. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	1-1
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland	1-1
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria	0-0
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland	
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany	
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey	
25.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	5	3	2	0	8	2	8
Turkey	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
Austria	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Iceland	5	0	4	1	3	5	4
East Germany	5	1	1	3	4	9	3

GROUP 4

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-4
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales	1-0
19.10.88	Wales v Finland	2-2
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland	0-0
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	1-1
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany	0-0
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland	0-1
6. 9.89	Finland v Wales	
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
11.10.89	Wales v Holland	
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales	
15.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	4	2	2	0	3	1	6
W. Germany	4	1	3	0	5	1	5
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Finland	2	0	1	1	2	6	0

GROUP 5

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-2
28. 9.88	France v Norway	1-0
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	1-1
22.10.88	Cyprus v France	1-1
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway	0-3
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	3-2
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus	4-0
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland	2-3
8. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-0
26. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus	2-1
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	0-0
21. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus	3-1
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	1-2
5. 9.89	Norway v France	
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
11.10.89	France v Scotland	
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway	
18.11.89	France v Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	4	1	0	10	5	9
Yugoslavia	5	3	2	0	10	4	8
Norway	5	2	0	3	8	6	4
France	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

GROUP 6

21. 5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland	0-0
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	1-0
16.11.88	Spain v Rep. Ireland	2-0
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	2-2
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	4-0
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	0-2
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	0-2
8. 3.89	Hungary v Rep. Ireland	0-0
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	4-0
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	1-1
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	0-2
26. 4.89	Rep. Ireland v Spain	1-0
28. 5.89	Rep. Ireland v Malta	2-0
4. 6.89	Rep. Ireland v Hungary	2-0
6. 9.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
11.10.89	Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland	
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
15.11.89	Malta v Rep. Ireland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	0	1	14	1	10
Rep. Ireland	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
Hungary	5	1	3	1	4	5	5
Northern Ireland	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Malta	5	0	2	3	3	9	2

GROUP 7

1. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland	1-4
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	0-2
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland	1-0
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-0
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
26. 4.89	Portugal v Switzerland	3-1
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	2-1
19. 5.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	4-0
1. 6.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	0-5
7. 6.89	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia	0-1
6. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	
20. 9.89	Switzerland v Portugal	
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium	
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland	
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia	
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	5	3	2	0	9	2	8
Czechoslovakia	5	3	2	0	8	2	7
Portugal	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Switzerland	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	1	16	0

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

AFRICA

ROUND 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	0-0
11.11.88	Sudan v Angola	1-2
	Angola 2-1 on agg	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
	Libya 3-2 on agg	
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
	Liberia 2-0 on agg	
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
	Tunisia 5-3 on agg	
	Gabon w/o v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group A

6. 1.89	Algeria v Zimbabwe	3-0
22. 1.89	Zimbabwe v Ivory Coast	0-0
11. 6.89	Ivory Coast v Algeria	0-0
25. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Algeria	
13. 8.89	Ivory Coast v Zimbabwe	
25. 8.89	Algeria v Ivory Coast	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Algeria	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Ivory Coast	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Zimbabwe	2	0	1	1	0	3	1

Libya withdrew

Group B

6. 1.89	Egypt v Liberia	2-0
7. 1.89	Kenya v Malawi	1-1
21. 1.89	Malawi v Egypt	1-1
22. 1.89	Liberia v Kenya	0-0
10. 6.89	Kenya v Egypt	0-0
11. 6.89	Liberia v Malawi	1-0
24. 6.89	Malawi v Kenya	
25. 6.89	Liberia v Egypt	
11. 8.89	Egypt v Malawi	
12. 8.89	Kenya v Liberia	
25. 8.89	Egypt v Kenya	
26. 8.89	Malawi v Liberia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Kenya	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Liberia	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Malawi	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

Group C

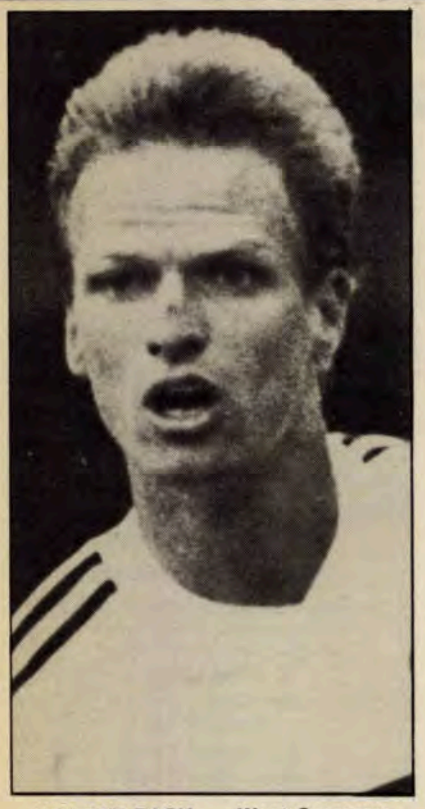
7. 1.89	Nigeria v Gabon	1-0
8. 1.89	Cameroon v Angola	1-1
22. 1.89	Gabon v Cameroon	1-3
22. 1.89	Angola v Nigeria	2-2
10. 6.89	Nigeria v Cameroon	2-0
10. 6.89	Angola v Gabon	2-0
25. 6.89	Gabon v Nigeria	
12. 8.89	Nigeria v Angola	
13. 8.89	Cameroon v Gabon	
27. 8.89	Cameroon v Nigeria	
27. 8.89	Gabon v Angola	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Angola	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Cameroon	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Gabon	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Group D

8. 1.89	Morocco v Zambia	1-0
8. 1.89	Zaire v Tunisia	3-1
22. 1.89	Tunisia v Morocco	2-1
22. 1.89	Zambia v Zaire	4-2
11. 6.89	Zaire v Morocco	0-0
11. 6.89	Zambia v Tunisia	1-0
25. 6.89	Zambia v Morocco	
25. 6.89	Tunisia v Zaire	
13. 8.89	Morocco v Tunisia	
13. 8.89	Zaire v Tunisia	
25. 8.89	Tunisia v Zambia	
27. 8.89	Morocco v Zaire	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zambia	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Zaire	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Morocco	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Tunisia	3	1	0	2	3	5	2



HOLGER FACH . . . West Germany

EAST ASIA

Group 4: (India withdrew so Nepal switched from Group 5)

Following matches all in S. Korea:

23. 5.89	Malaysia v Nepal	2-0
23. 5.89	Singapore v S. Korea	0-3
25. 5.89	Malaysia v Singapore	1-0
25. 5.89	Nepal v S. Korea	0-9
27. 5.89	Singapore v Nepal	3-0
27. 5.89	S. Korea v Malaysia	3-0

Following matches all in Singapore:

3. 6.89	Singapore v Malaysia	2-2
3. 6.89	S. Korea v Nepal	4-0
5. 6.89	Malaysia v S. Korea	0-3
5. 6.89	Nepal v Singapore	0-7
7. 6.89	Singapore v S. Korea	0-3
7. 6.89	Malaysia v Nepal	3-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	6	6	0	0	25	0	12
Malaysia	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Singapore	6	2	1	3	12	9	5
Nepal	6	0	0	6	0	28	0

Group 5

20. 2.89	Thailand v Bangladesh	1-0
23. 2.89	China v Bangladesh	2-0
23. 2.89	Thailand v Iran	0-3
27. 2.89	Bangladesh v Iran	1-2
28. 2.89	Thailand v China	0-3
4. 3.89	Bangladesh v China	0-2
8. 3.89	Bangladesh v Thailand	3-1
17. 3.89	Iran v Bangladesh	1-0
30. 5.89	Iran v Thailand	3-0
28. 6.89	China v Thailand	
15. 7.89	China v Iran	
22. 7.89	Iran v China	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iran	4	4	0	0	9	1	8
China	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Bangladesh	6	1	0	5	4	9	2
Thailand	5	1	0	4	2	12	2

Group 6

21. 5.89	Indonesia v N. Korea	0- 0
21. 5.89	Hong Kong v Japan	0-0
27. 5.89	Hong Kong v N. Korea	1-2
28. 5.89	Indonesia v Japan	0-0
4. 6.89	Hong Kong v Indonesia	1-1
4. 6.89	Japan v N. Korea	2-1
11. 6.89	N. Korea v Hong Kong	P
11. 6.89	Japan v Indonesia	5-0
18. 6.89	N. Korea v Indonesia	P
18. 6.89	Japan v Hong Kong	0-0
25. 6.89	Indonesia v Hong Kong	
25. 6.89	N. Korea v Japan	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Japan	5	2	3	0	7	1	7
North Korea	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Hong Kong	4	0	3	1	2	3	3
Indonesia	4	0	3	1	1	6	1

Winners of all groups play off in a league system with top two teams qualifying for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

round 1

19. 6.88	Antigua v Neth. Antilles	0-1
29. 7.88	Neth. Antilles v Antigua	3-1
	Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg, aet	
12. 5.88	Jamaica v Puerto Rico	1-0
29. 5.88	Puerto Rico v Jamaica	1-2
	Jamaica 3-1 on agg	
17. 4.88	Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago	0-4
8. 5.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana	1-0
	Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg	
17. 7.88	Costa Rica v Panama	1-1
31. 7.88	Panama v Costa Rica	0-2
	Costa Rica 3-1 on agg	
30. 4.88	Cuba v Guatemala	0-1
15. 5.88	Guatemala v Cuba	1-1
	Guatemala 2-1 on agg	

ROUND 3

Winners Gp 1 v Winners Gp 2; Winners Gp 3 v Winners Gp 4. Aggregate winning teams qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA

Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.

6. 1.89	Qatar v Jordan	1-0
6. 1.89	Oman v Iraq	1-1
13. 1.89	Oman v Qatar	0-0
13. 1.89	Jordan v Iraq	0-1
20. 1.89	Jordan v Oman	2-0
20. 1.89	Qatar v Iraq	1-0
27. 1.89	Jordan v Qatar	1-1
27. 1.89	Iraq v Oman	3-1
3. 2.89	Qatar v Oman	3-0
3. 2.89	Iraq v Jordan	4-0
10. 2.89	Oman v Jordan	0-2
10. 2.89	Iraq v Qatar	2-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qatar	6	3	3	0	8	3	9
Iraq	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Jordan	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Oman	6	0	2	4	2	11	2

Group 2 (Bahrain withdrew)

10. 3.89	Yemen AR v Syria	0-1
15. 3.89	Saudi Arabia v Syria	5-4
20. 3.89	Yemen AR v Saudi Arabia	0-1
25. 3.89	Syria v Yemen AR	2-0
30. 3.89	Syria v Saudi Arabia	0-0
5. 4.89	Saudi Arabia v Yemen AR	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S. Arabia	4	3	1	0	7	4	7
Syria	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Yemen AR	4	0	0	4	0	5	0

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

6. 1.89	Pakistan v Kuwait	0-1
13. 1.89	Kuwait v UAE	3-2
20. 1.89	UAE v Pakistan	5-0
27. 1.89	Kuwait v Pakistan	2-0
3. 2.89	UAE v Kuwait	1-0
10. 2.89	Pakistan v UAE	1-4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UAE	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Kuwait	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Pakistan	4	0	0	4	1	2	0

Round Two

1.10.88	Neth. Antilles v El Salvador	0-1
16.10.88	El Salvador v Neth. Antilles	5-0
	El Salvador 6-0 on agg	
30.10.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras	0-0
13.11.88	Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago	1-1
	Trinidad/Tobago on away goal: 1-1 agg	
24. 7.88	Jamaica v United States	0-0
13. 8.88	United States v Jamaica	5-1
	United States 5-1 on agg	
9.10.88	Guatemala v Canada	1-0
15.10.88	Canada v Guatemala	3-2
	Guatemala on away goals: 3-3 agg	
	Costa Rica w/o v Mexico	

Round Three

19. 3.89	Guatemala v Costa Rica	1-0
2. 4.89	Costa Rica v Guatemala	2-1
16. 4.89	Costa Rica v United States	1-0
30. 4.89	United States v Costa Rica	1-0
13. 5.89	United States v Trin/Tobago	1-1
28. 5.89	Trin/Tobago v Costa Rica	1-1
11. 6.89	Costa Rica v Trin/Tobago	1-0
17. 6.89	United States v Guatemala	
25. 6.89	El Salvador v Costa Rica	
9. 7.89	El Salvador v United States	
16. 7.89	Costa Rica v El Salvador	
30. 7.89	Trin/Tobago v El Salvador	
13. 8.89	El Salvador v Trin/Tobago	
20. 8.89	Guatemala v Trin/Tobago	
3. 9.89	Trin/Tobago v Guatemala	
8.10.89	Guatemala v United States	
5.11.89	United States v El Salvador	
19.11.89	Trin/Tobago v United States	
19.11.89	Guatemala v El Salvador	
26.11.89	El Salvador v Guatemala	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	6	3	1	2	5	4	7
United States	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Guatemala	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Trin/Tobago	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Top two qualify for finals.

OCEANIA

Round 1

11.12.88	Taiwan v New Zealand	0-4
18.12.88	New Zealand v Taiwan	4-1
	New Zealand 8-1 on agg	
26.11.88	Fiji v Australia	1-0
3.12.88	Australia v Fiji	5-1
	Australia 5-2 on agg	

Round 2

5. 3.89	Israel v New Zealand	1-0
12. 3.89	Australia v New Zealand	4-1
19. 3.89	Israel v Australia	1-1
2. 4.89	New Zealand v Australia	2-0
9. 4.89	New Zealand v Israel	2-2
16. 4.89	Australia v Israel	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Australia	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
N. Zealand	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

Israel play winners of S. America Gp 2 for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1

20. 8.89	Bolivia v Peru
27. 8.89	Peru v Uruguay
3. 9.89	Bolivia v Uruguay
10. 9.89	Peru v Bolivia
17. 9.89	Uruguay v Bolivia
24. 9.89	Uruguay v Peru

Group 2

20. 8.89	Colombia v Ecuador
27. 8.89	Paraguay v Colombia
3. 9.89	Ecuador v Colombia
10. 9.89	Paraguay v Ecuador
24. 9.89	Colombia v Paraguay
1.10.89	Ecuador v Paraguay

Group 3

30. 7.89	Venezuela v Brazil
6. 8.89	Venezuela v Chile
13. 8.89	Chile v Brazil
20. 8.89	Brazil v Venezuela
27. 8.89	Chile v Venezuela
3. 9.89	Brazil v Chile

Winners of Groups 1 and 3 qualify for the finals. Winners of Gp 2 play off against Oceania section winners for place in the finals.

SHOP WINDOW

WORLD SOCCER

The INTERNATIONAL Magazine

GREAT STRATEGY GAMES

A superb range of Football & Cricket games for the Spectrum, Commodore & Amstrad

From E & J Software

TREBLE CHAMPIONS £9.95 Spec 48/128 : COM 64/128 Ams CPC
A STUNNINGLY REALISTIC FOOTBALL STRATEGY GAME - Can you Win The League, The F.A. Cup & The League Cup - 4 Divisions of 20 Teams + 1 Div. 20 Non League Teams - Details of OVER 1500 Players - Results & Leagues ALL Divisions - League Cup with 1st, 2nd Rnds +S/Finals over 2 Legs - F.A. Cup includes Non League - Transfer Market buy ANY PLAYER ANY DIVISION - 3 Skill Levels -Start ANY Division - SAVE GAME - Time Management - Reserves - 2 In-Match Subs - Coaching + Fitness Training - PLUS MUCH MORE.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS £8·95 Spec 48/128 : Ams CPC
THE INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP - Genuine Nations Cup Format with full Random Draw of 32 Seeded Teams - Fixture List, Results and League Tables of ALL 8 Groups -Discipline & Medical Reports - Squad of 22 Players plus Other Players - 17 Month Itinerary of Qualifying Group, (Arrange Friendlies) and Finals - Plus many more Superb Features and Options. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS includes E & J's *MATCH PLAY SYSTEM* which captures all the ACTION, DRAMA & TENSION of International Football.

WORLD CHAMPIONS £7·95 Spec 48/128 : Com 64/128 : Ams CPC
A COMPLETE WORLD CUP SIMULATION - Select Friendlies - 25 Players - Qualyling Group - 2 In-Match Subs - Discipline Table - Select Tour Opponents - Extra Time - final Rounds - Players Gain Experience - 7 Skill Levels - TEXT MATCH SIMULATION including:- Bookings, Goal Times, Named & Recorded Goal Scorers, Injury Time, Corners, Free Kicks, Match Clock, Penalties - PLUS many more Features.

CRICKET MASTER £7·95 Spec 48/128 : Com 64/128 : Ams CPC
A SUPERB SIMULATION OF ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL/COUNTY CRICKET - Weather, Wicket & Outfield Conditions - Batting & Bowling Tactics - Team Selection - Fast, Medium & Spin Bowlers - 4 Types of Batsmen - Select Field Layout - 3 Skill Levels - Wides - Byes - No Ball - Run Out - Misfield - Dropped Catches - Scoreboard - Batting & Bowling Analysis - Run Rate - Single Option - 3 Game Speeds - STAR FEATURE a complete MATCH OVERVIEW showing Ball by Ball Action and Commentary and MUCH MORE!

TEST MASTER £8·95 Spec 48/128 : Ams CPC
A COMPREHENSIVE SIMULATION OF A 5 DAY TEST MATCH - Includes most of the Features of CRICKET MASTER and MATCH OVERVIEW plus Declarations - Nightwatchmen - Light Meter - Rain Stops Play - Varying Number of Overs per Day - Follow On - Save Game - New Ball - Bad Light Interuptions - TEST MASTER is a True representation of a Complete Test Match and offers the ULTIMATE CHALLENGE to All Cricket Enthusiasts.

Above games available on disc @ Plus £4·00 Spec & Ams or Plus £2·50 Com PER GAME

*TREBLE CHAMPIONS **NOT** AVAILABLE FOR COMMODORE DISC*

*ALL GAMES are available by MAIL ORDER for IMMEDIATE despatch by 1st class post and include Full Instructions. **State which Machine & Tape or Disc.***

(Add 50p per Game outside UK or £1·50 per Game for AIRMAIL outside Europe. Payment in Pounds Sterling Only)

FANTASTIC DISCOUNTS
FULL PRICE GAMES ONLY
Buy 2 games deduct £3·00
Buy 3 games deduct £5·00
Buy 4 games deduct £7·00
Buy 5 games deduct £12·00

Cheques or Postal Orders payable to E & J Software, SEND TO:
E & J SOFTWARE, Room 4, 37 Westmoor Road, ENFIELD, Middlesex, EN3 7LE

COVENTRY CITY FC

Sky Blue Shop
King Richard Street
Coventry

OFFICIAL SOUVENIRS

FA CUP WINNERS 1987
Send SAE for our new price list of

OFFICIAL COVENTRY CITY SOUVENIRS

Replica kits, Sweatshirts, Ties
Scarves, Caps, Lampshades etc

Rangers! Celtic! Hearts! Aberdeen!

We are the specialists in Scottish Football Programmes and Souvenirs.
Send now for catalogue
Overseas send IRC

Collections purchased
Football Crazy
13A Spittal Street
Edinburgh EH3 9DY
or telephone 031 228 2633

THE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME DIRECTORY
Presents the
15th INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR
at the
HOTEL RUSSELL, RUSSELL SQUARE
LONDON W.C. 1
(2 minutes walk from Russell Square Underground Station)
SATURDAY, 3rd JUNE, 1989 11.15 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.
ADMISSION BY TICKET
IN ADVANCE 40p (- S.A.E.) AT THE DOOR 80p
ORDER YOUR TICKET NOW FROM:
THE EDITOR, THE F.P.D. (Dept W.S.)
66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex SS11 8EN

There's no need to miss a single issue of

WORLD SOCCER

The INTERNATIONAL Magazine

Please send me WORLD SOCCER for the next year — 12 issues.

NAME _____

_____

ADDRESS _____

_____

_____

_____

_____

COUNTRY _____

(Cheques/money orders payable to WORLD SOCCER

WS2

Subscription details.
All rates for 12 issues — one year — and include postage.
UK £18. EUROPE £24. MIDDLE EAST £28.
USA $45. AUSTRALIA & FAR EAST £30

Complete the coupon and send to:
Computer Action Ltd.,
Central House, 27 Park Street, Croydon, CRO 1YD, England.

Make cheques and money orders payable to WORLD SOCCER

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW

SHOP WINDOW

WORLD SOCCER
The INTERNATIONAL Magazine

Private PEN-PALS and SWAPS. SALES-WANTED — 20p per word. DISPLAY — £10 (plus 15% VAT) per single column centimetre (minimum 3 scc). All payments must be in Sterling. P.O's, cheques or International Money Orders only to be received by 15th of the month preceding date of issue. Please print all advertisements in capital letters. All orders should be addressed to: Bruce Sandell, Advertisement Executive, World Soccer, 26th Floor, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London, SE1 9LS.

QUALITY FLAGS
made in England
Welsh ● Irish ● Scottish ● English ● British (Union Jack) — all toggled and sleeved.
1 yard (can fit in pocket) £10 ● 1½ yard £15 ● 2 yard £25 including VAT, p&p. Cheques, PO's or cash (overseas add £2) payable to
Flags International, 15 Pebble Mill Street, Etruria Stoke-on-Trent.
ORDER YOUR OFFICIAL WORLD CUP NOW

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL TODAY
= CHAMPIONS =
RANGERS 1988-89 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON
A FULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOK — JUST OUT
Cost £6.50 UK or $10.00 (US) Overseas
Send to: Forth Sports Marketing Ltd
3 Marchfield Grove, Edinburgh, Scotland.

MANCHESTER UNITED MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORTERS CLUB
BECOME AN OFFICIAL CLUB MEMBER
Adults **£6.00** Juniors (under) 16 **£3.00**
TREMENDOUS BENEFITS TO BE GAINED!
For an application form, send an SAE to:
Manchester United Football Club, Dept S1, Membership Office, Football Ground, Old Trafford, Manchester M16 ORA.
Tel. Enqs 061 872 5208

ADVERTISING ANNOUNCEMENT

Because space will be at a premium in World Soccer as we continue to improve the magazine, it has been decided that we can no longer allow the free publication of Pen-Pals and Swaps within Shop Window. If you wish to place this sort of announcement the price will be 20p per word, as for all other classifieds. All payments must be in sterling by either Postal Orders, Cheques or International Money Order.

FOR SALE

WORLDWIDE SOCCER FANS. Your chance to trade VHS videos. Can arrange trade as well as having own collection for sale, including World Cup games, European Games, Documentaries, etc. Contact 'Mediasearch' PO Box 132A, Melbourne, Australia, 3001"

HUGE SALE. of collection of football books, magazines and videos. Complete set of Rothmans, many World Soccers, Pre-recorded soccer matches of past and present, and much, much more. Send large S.A.E. to George Matthews, c/o 11 Kings Grove, Wardle Road, Rochdale, Lancashire OL12 9HR.

FULL DETAILS of all major clubs in South America — Names, Addresses, when founded, colours, stadiums, capacity, honours, original shield. Price U.S. $20 + $2 postage — or equivalent. From Roberto Stramare, via Brunico, 7, 21052. Busto Arsizio (VA) Italy.

RED NEWS — MANCHESTER UNITED FANZINE. P.O. BOX 384 London WC1N 3RJ. Subscription (six issues). U.K. £4.50. Overseas £7.00. Single copies 80p UK. £1 overseas.

FOR SALE WORLD SOCCER. March 1978 — July 1978. Nov 1978 — Nov 1980 (4 missing). March 1982 — April 1983 (2 missing). April 1984 — April 1989. Offers. R. Moody, 11 Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton CV13 0JU.

WORLD SOCCER 1978-1988. All in excellent condition with binders. Also large-sized football pictures. Offer to T. Tran, 43 Glanbrydan Avenue, Uplands, Swansea.

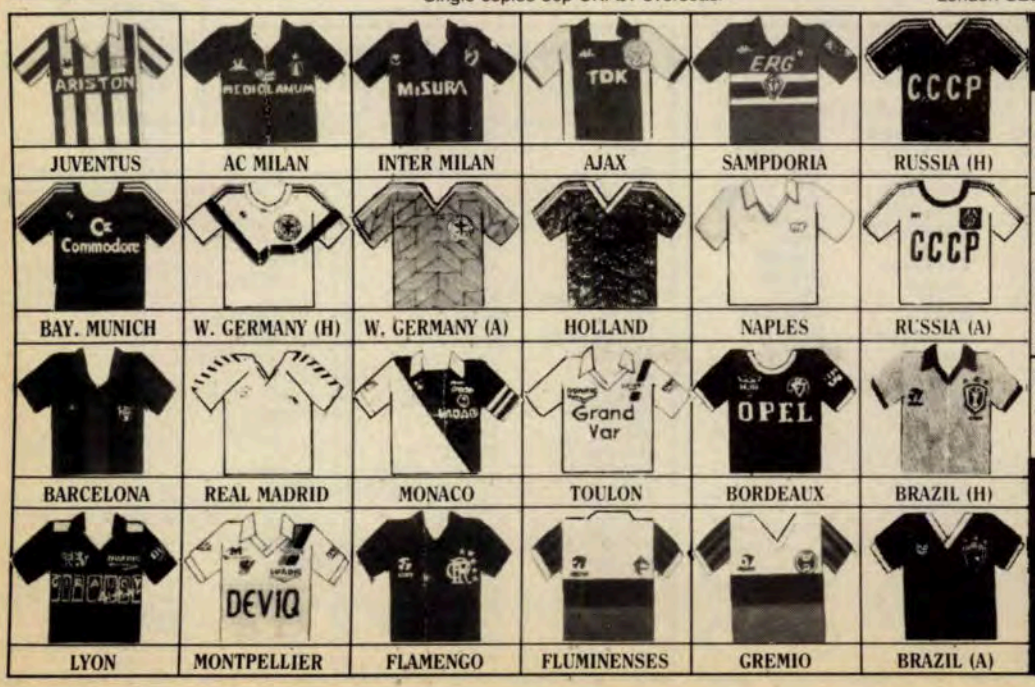
WANTED

WORLD SOCCER NOVEMBER 1988. Premium paid for magazine in mint condition. Jörgen Karlen, 16 Av. de Lowendal F-75015 Paris (France).

WANTED: VHS (PAL) World Cup Videos, European Championships, Qualifiers, Internationals etc. Only broadcast quality required, any language. Please send lists and prices; Richard Boulert, 247 Jersey Road, Osterley, Middx, TW7 4RF.

WANTED: Experienced English travelling companion to Italy in 1990. Please write to: Robert Siggins, 10 Icknield Drive, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex IG2 6SD.

WANTED: World Soccer 1960-1970. Good prices paid. Robert Fudge, 56 Sidcup Road, Mottingham, London SE9 3AF.



JUVENTUS | AC MILAN | INTER MILAN | AJAX | SAMPDORIA | RUSSIA (H)
BAY. MUNICH | W. GERMANY (H) | W. GERMANY (A) | HOLLAND | NAPLES | RUSSIA (A)
BARCELONA | REAL MADRID | MONACO | TOULON | BORDEAUX | BRAZIL (H)
LYON | MONTPELLIER | FLAMENGO | FLUMINENSES | GREMIO | BRAZIL (A)

OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL SHIRTS
IN STOCK THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL SHIRTS
Italy, Juventus, AC Milan, Sampdoria, Russia (H & A), West Germany (H & A), Inter Milan, Monaco, Ajax, Lazio. Price £29.99 + Post & Packing (UK + £2. Air + £6.)
Real Madrid (H & A), Barcelona (H & A), Real Betis, Roma (H & A), Napoli (H & A), Toulon, Bordeaux, Nantes, Cannes, Lens, Montpellier, Souchaux, Lyon, Sporting Lisbon, Bayern Munich (H & A), Bayern Leverkusen, Denmark, Poland, France, Argentina, River Plate, Argentinos Juniors, Estudiantes, Corrinthians, Flamengo, Fluminenses, Santos, Gremio, Brazil (H & A). Price £25.99 + Post & Packing (UK + £2. Air + £6.
Please give second choice when ordering.
Allow 21 days for delivery. Access, Visa telephone orders taken. Same day despatch of shirts.

PREMIER LEAGUE
29 STATION ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE SG6 3BB.
TEL: (0462) 671170

PICK YOUR OWN TEAM FROM THE ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION AND JOIN

THE FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LTD.

SEASON 89-90

Do you know anything about football? You do, then prove it by joining the Fantasy Football League. **PICK YOUR OWN TEAM** FROM ALL THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE FIRST DIVISION. Your team will be put into a division with 9 others with no two teams having the same player (our computer will randomly select who gets first choice in the event of two managers choosing the same player). You may not end up with all of the players that you originally selected – but every manager will be in the same position so we feel that this is fair. To guarantee your best possible team remember to include as many alternatives as possible when choosing your players.

YOUR TEAM WILL SCORE POINTS ACCORDING TO THEIR ACTUAL PERFORMANCES DURING THE 1989/90 SEASON.

(3 points for each goal scored, 2 points for each assist, 2 points for the man of the match, 2 points for man of the match on any televised game, 2 points for goalkeepers making a penalty save, MINUS 4 points for a penalty miss, MINUS 3 points for a sending off, MINUS 2 points for a booking, MINUS 2 points for an OG, MINUS 2 points for giving away a penalty.-5 bonus points for any player receiving their first international cap etc).

THE LATEST LEAGUE TABLES WILL BE MAILED TO YOU REGULARLY.

Before the season commences on Aug. 19th you will be notified of your team, your opponents teams and details of the **transfer market** which if you would like to be included please also include your telephone number in your application.

The CHAMPIONS (manager and coach) will be invited to play in next year's *Fantasy World Cup* to be held for two weeks in RIO DE JANERIO, BRAZIL.

If you would like to receive more information please telephone 04024 70383 (recorded message) and leave your name and address.

This application should reach us by July 31st). Detach bottom half of this application form and send to:

THE FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LTD., SUITE 4, 35 STATION LANE, HORNCHURCH RM12 6JL, together with a cheque, International Money Order or PO for £14.50 made payable to: THE FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LTD. (ALL PAYMENTS *MUST* BE MADE IN STERLING)

NAME (Manager)

TEAM NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TELEPHONE NO:

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS BY CIRCLING THE NAMES BELOW IN INK, and writing next to the name the order in which you would like your players selected eg: ➔

Your team will consist of **TWO** strikers, **FOUR** midfield players/forwards, **FOUR** defenders and **ONE** goalkeeper.

Don't forget to give your team an original and/or witty name.

ST JOHN IAN	4
HILL JIMMY	
ARMFIELD J	
LAW D	2
BRUNO F	
GREAVES J	3
ROBSON B	
CHARLTON R	1
FRANCIS T	
BLANCHFLOWER D	

SECTION A

(STRIKERS) CHOOSE FOUR)

ALDRIDGE
ALLEN MALC
BEARDSLEY
CASCARINO
CHAPMAN
CLARK C
CLARKE W
CLOUGH
COTTEE
CROOKS
DIXON K
DURIE G
FALCO M
FASHANU
FLECK
HARFORD
HIRST
HORRIX D
HUGHES M
LEE R
LE TISSIER
McCLAIR
McINALLY
MERSON P
REGIS
RIDEOUT
ROSARIO
RUSH
SANCHEZ
SAUNDERS D
SHARP G
SHERINGHAM
SMITH A
STEWART P
WADDLE

SECTION B

(MIDFIELD PLAYERS/ CHOOSE SIX FORWARDS)

ALLEN MART
ALLEN PAUL
BARNES J
BARRICK
BEARDSMORE
BENNETT D
BLACK
BLACKMORE
BRACEWELL
BRIGHTWELL
BRILEY L
BUMSTEAD
CARTER G
COCKERILL
CONEY D
DAVIS P
FEE
FEREDAY
FORREST
GASCOIGNE
GAYNOR T
GEE
GIBSON T
GILL
GODDARD P
GORDON D
HEBBERD T
HODGE S
HODGSON D
HOUGHTON R
HURLOCK T
JONES V
KRUZYNSKI
McMAHON S
MARWOOD B
McNAB
MEGSON G
MILNE R
NAYIM
NEVIN P
NICHOLAS P
PARKER G
PEAKE T
PEARSON
PHELAN M
PLATT S
PUTNEY T
QUINN N
REDMOND
REEVES D
REID P
RICHARDSON K
RIPLEY A
ROBSON B
ROCASTLE D
SALMAN D
SHEEDY K
SINTON A
SMITH DAVID
SPACKMAN N
SPEEDIE D
STEVEN T
THOMAS MIKE
TOWNSEND
VARADI
WALLACE ROD
WALLACE DAN
WALSH P
WEBB
WEGERLE
WHELAN
WHITE
WHITESIDE
WHITTON
WILSON
WISE

You may enter below the name of any other player.

SECTION C

(DEFENDERS) CHOOSE SIX

You may enter below the name of any other player.

ABLETT
ADAMS T
BERGSON
BORROWS
BOULD
BOWEN
BRUCE
BURROWS
BUTTERWORTH
CHETTLE
CULVERHOUSE
DIXON L
DOBSON T
DORIGO
DOWNS G
DREYER
FENWICK
FOSTER
GAGE K
GILLESPIE
HARPER
HUGHTON C
KEOWN M
KILCLINE
LAKE
LAWS
LINIGHAN
MABBUTT
McCALL
McDONALD
McGRATH P
McLAUGHLIN
MOUNTFIELD
NICOL
O'LEARY
OSMAN
PARKER P
PEARCE S
PHELAN T
PIZANTI
PRICE C
RATCLIFFE
ROBERTS G
RUDDOCK N
SHARPE LEE
SHIRTLIFF
SIMS S
STAUNTON
THOMAS MITCH
VAN DEN HAUWE
VENISON
WALKER D
WALLACE R
WATSON D
WILLIAMS G
WINTERBURN
WORTHINGTON
WRIGHT M
YOUNG E

SECTION D

(GOALKEEPERS) CHOOSE THREE

** See note below*

BEASANT (CHELSEA)
BOLDER (CHARLTON)
BURRIDGE (SOUTHAMPTON)
COOPER (MAN. CITY)
GROBBELAAR (LIVERPOOL)
GUNN (NORWICH)
HORNE (MILLWALL)
LEIGHTON (MAN UTD)
LUKIC (ARSENAL)
OGRIZOVIC (COVENTRY)
SEALEY (LUTON)
SEAMAN (QPR)
SEGARS (W'DON)
SHILTON (DERBY)
SOUTHALL (EVERTON)
SPINK (VILLA)
SUTTON (FOREST)
THORSTVEDT (SPURS)
TURNER (SHEFF. W)

** As you must always have a goalkeeper – you will in fact be selecting a team rather than a player and that team will provide you with a goalkeeper throughout the season.*

Manchester United's Mark Hughes outjumps Alan McLeary of Millwall at The Den.

REAL MADRID

SPANISH CHAMPIONS 1988-89